

income and sales tax coming from people is a better source of revenue than property, so that's why it's referenced here and relieving property taxes is one side benefit of this, is what I would want to retain in the bill. So I understand your argument, but I haven't been up here saying that this is...everybody's going to see a massive saving in their property taxes. I think we've tried to be up front about it. It's a big number, but it's not a huge number. It's not \$200 million, it's \$20 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, the only reason these bills are coming in and put the heavy emphasis on property tax relief...property tax relief is because it's a political year and because people are out there circulating petitions. If they were really going to cut property tax, and I say they because I wouldn't do it, just pass a bill doing it. Don't do all this temporizing, and talking about we're going to try to create a crisis situation and make the political subdivisions look at this and make them afraid of that and, in the meantime, try to make it through this election cycle and get off the hook. Just pass some bills and cut the taxes yourself. But you're not going to do that, so all this is phony. It's a sham, it's a hoax, and you all know it. And that's why there's every attempt to put stuff off in the future, to temporize, to vacillate, and to dilute this effort. If you are out there circulating a petition, and not a member of the Legislature, wouldn't bills like this flying the false flag of property tax relief infuriate you and fuel your argument that the Legislature is dishonest and dealing in duplicity? All that needs to be said in this bill, since it's only intent language anyway, is that the Legislature intends to shift this program from the counties to the state. And don't even talk about property tax funding it. What other source does the county have right now for getting the money used to fund these programs? I suppose that I should be able to get the death penalty repealed, and I'm sure I could get Senator Vrtiska's vote by showing that it will cut property tax, because those high expenses that the county has to pay are based on the revenue that the county raises through its levy. So if you had no death penalty, and not the expenditures of these huge amounts of money trying to carry it out, you wouldn't have to raise as much money.

SPEAKER WITHEN: One minute.