

reference; that this bill will not be viewed as something which, if enacted into law, will substantially reduce property taxes. Since it will not substantially reduce property taxes, the property tax revenue involved is insubstantial. So I'm not striking all reference to property tax, which I think ought to be done and would be the cleanest way, but since some reference is to be retained, I think that we ought to tell the truth. Telling the truth, Senator Hillman, is redemptive. There is something liberating about it. As a matter of fact, it was stated that you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. In this instance, telling the truth in this bill will set the Legislature free from a misrepresentation or a misleading statement in a piece of legislation. This word "insubstantial" is a proper modifier of the term "property tax" in this bill. The revenue is insubstantial that the counties pay toward these programs. Senator Matzke read figures which established that. So if the amount they pay is insubstantial, and that amount comes from property tax, then the property tax revenue involved is insubstantial. It follows like night follows day, or like the sand and gravel trucks follow freezing rain on the interstate, or like careless drivers of semis...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...follow little bitty vehicles on the interstate, and in the same way that the state patrol has ceased following Chambers because he drives so slowly, and now follows the race car drivers like Lindsay, Will and Witek. (Laughter) Since that is the principle we're looking at, I want you to consider adopting this one-word change which I think will tell the truth. It says that the property tax involved here is insubstantial.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question before the body is, shall the Chambers amendment be adopted? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1505-06 in the Legislative Journal.) 11 ayes, 16 nays on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not adopted. The amendment is not adopted. At this point, we are on Final Reading. The...I would point out that the bills that are placed on the