

remember Select File, if you go back to the debate on the issue, we never really got to a real debate on the issue with the exception of a couple of amendments Senator Beutler did, one particularly dealing with the tax shift, and even that was not on the whole policy but more on the...on a tax issue whether we should do sales tax or not. And if you go back...well, if you just go backward, there hasn't been a time where people have just finally stood up and said, this is why I'm voting this particular way. And I think it's good for the record for us to do that. I think we've gotten away from that sometimes in the past, so I do that...I do the reconsideration only for those that would like to, to get certain things on the record at least, and if no one else wants to speak, then we'll move right along. I yield whatever time I may have left to Senator Schimek, if she so desires.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Schimek.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to thank Bernard-Stevens for giving us a little bit more time on this issue because this really is one of those gut-wrenching issues that comes along only once maybe or twice in a legislative session and maybe even in a legislative term of service. I think this is a very, very critical bill and I wanted to tell you that when I was coming in this morning and thinking about how I was going to vote on LB 299 and LB 1114, I was thinking at that time that I was going to vote for 299 and I was probably going to vote against 1114. And the reason is that 299 I don't think is devastating in its impact. It's very similar to what we have in place now with 1099, the lid that's already in place. It takes it maybe a couple of steps further which is going to be tough, but certainly not insurmountable. However, I have to tell you that as I looked over my bill file this morning and looked again at all those people who had called in or written in, it was overwhelming in my district. I only had one person call in and ask me to support LB 299, and so I cast my vote no also on 299. But I feel much more strongly about 1114, because I think it's going to have a potential, a potential devastating impact on my school district which right now is at a \$1.59 levy limit. And when you talk about taking that levy limit down to \$1.10, and \$1.00 the second year of its implementation, you can't tell me that it's not going to have a very severe impact. Now, granted, there could be a saving grace, and we may come back next year and