

appreciate the opportunity to get that on the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is one of the most serious discussions we've had all session, so I want to tell a couple of jokes. First of all, this legislation is supposed to be for property tax relief and I've said I don't think it's going to do what people are projecting that it will do, so you could say it's something like things not appearing as they really are, or being other than the way they appear. And the joke I thought of were these two teardrops. It involved two teardrops flowing down this river of time, and one teardrop said to the other one, whose tear are you? And that teardrop had to dry its own tear and say, I am the tear of a sad young girl who loved a young man deeply and lost him. And after recovering itself sufficiently, it said, and whose tear are you? And that tear said, I am the tear of the young lady who got him. I just thought I'd throw that out. Now this one's better though. This one's better. And this involves Bishop Sheen. I used to like to watch Bishop Sheen on television. It was many years ago. He had those arched eyebrows, the piercing eyes of a hawk and then he could smile mischievously. When he did it, it made him look like a pixie. If I did it the same way, they'd say I'd look like a demon. That gives you an idea of his expression. But he said one day he was on the... what are these cars that they have in big cities that take you from place to place but they don't have them in little cities? Everybody gets on them. Subway. Yeah, the subway. I was getting ready to say the escalator. He was on the subway and this old decrepit guy came and sat next to him. And Bishop Sheen, being a very forthright man, described him as a bum. And the bum looked at Bishop Sheen and saw him in all of his paraphernalia and he said, pardon me, Father, but what causes diabetes? And he reeked of alcohol, so Bishop Sheen said... he sensed an opportunity to make a point, so it said, it comes from excessive drinking; and the man's eyebrows shot up in his hairline. And also misreating your family; so the man's mouth dropped open and his chin hung on his chest. And Bishop Sheen felt like he was on a roll now. So then he told him, and generally disregarding the moral and religious precepts of society and the church. And so the guy got such a dejected look on his face that Bishop Sheen felt a little sorry for him and