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you take dollars off of the value, off of the base of your taxation, and if you don't cut the other part of it, it is no property tax relief. On the surface, it seems like a property tax relief. But the bottom line, what people are concerned with on their tax statements, is, is my tax dollars more this year than it was last year? That's what they're concerned about. Values go up; levies stay the same. Levies go up; values stay the same. It's a stepladder approach, is what happens. I've seen this continually happen in the counties. So the only way that you can get property tax relief is through cutting of services, combining of services, or just eliminating some services that taxpayers are willing to give up. So that is a real concern of mine. In part of the bill,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...it states where subdivisions are going to be reinstated. I mean, they'll be held neutral on it, that they'll get some money back to replace that. But I'm really concerned about, what are we trying to set here? Who are we targeting this for? And it's a real concern of mine. I'm going to work, you know, to try to create an atmosphere here as to, what people are we realistically targeting this bill for? So with that, I'll return the balance of my seconds back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Schimek, on the Revenue Committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. First of all, I'd like to commend Senator Redfield for bringing the bill. I mean, it is looking at our tax system in a new light, and trying to address the property tax question. And indeed, I do believe this does relieve property taxes. And actually, for two or three years, I've had surveys that have gone out to my district, and particularly in the times of tight budgets I was wondering what my constituents preferred, if there had to be taxes. And without question, they always prefer anything but property taxes. Now, they also, I have to be candid, they prefer sales tax over income tax. But property tax is the most hated tax in this state. And, Senator Redfield, if