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worse. That's what we're doing. I don't understand the treatment of property taxes in this bill, because basically, you've allowed...what you've done to a large extent is to substitute sales tax and income tax cuts for property tax cuts. And yet, the property tax is the one that characteristically, we are not in the middle of all the states, but we are down towards those who tax most heavily. And I'm curious as to why this is selling. Is it because a smaller amount of property tax, focused on two groups, farmers and homeowners in a certain category, that a little bit of property tax relief to them is worth the \$59 million, \$60 million worth of property tax to everybody that's currently in the law? I would be interested in hearing what that discussion would be.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think Senator Loudon is on the right track. I hate to give up the property tax relief that we fought so hard for, for so many years. And we still...I remember back in 1988, the gubernatorial campaign, and thereafter in the Legislature, for a number of years, the drive was to get property taxes down to one-third of our taxes, total state and local. And we kept doing that over the years. You know, back in '67, it was, like, 60-some percent of our total taxes. In the seventies, it dropped to 50-some percent. And then we applied some sales tax money in the early 1990s and we got it down to 39, 38 percent, right in there, and that's where it's been since. And then we have the levy drop coming up that would help a little bit, significant amount, \$59 million. But we can't afford to do that, but we can afford to do \$104 million...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...worth of tax relief. I don't understand that logic at all. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. On with discussion of the Loudon amendment, AM2817. Senator Flood, followed by Senator Landis and others.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I am