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goes into our counties from that. But it still brings things...

SENATOR BAKER: Time.

SENATOR KREMER: ...a little bit more into balance. Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And I guess one of the things that we can credit Senator Louden for is he's persistent. And I think that this issue is one that he feels strongly about. The interesting thing is that we go through this process, this dance, if you will, of trying to come up with a budget, and the tax package, and what that all is going to fit in to look like, and we make really great speeches, but we may not actually mean them. And one of the things that I hope at the end of the day is that if we're concerned about something, that we do work on those things and put our money where our mouth is. The Appropriations Committee had a chance this year to put \$3 million into a bill that is actually in state law, for property tax relief. distribution of the program will resume in fiscal year '05-06. We had this discussion last year on the floor of the Legislature. There's property tax relief. And we have members of the committee that are talking about the need for property tax relief, and yet, that was killed in committee. I think we're being selective on what we choose to stand up and I agree with Senator Beutler. The people that are concerned about the issue of taxation are looking at the neighboring states. In my area, it's Wyoming and Colorado. It's a third or half for property taxes just across the border, and so there's border bleeding. There's people that are deciding where they want to live. And then you couple all the other taxes, and the fact that there's a more favorable position in different states, whether they have an income tax or not. We have these factors that we have to weigh in here. But you know, I'm all for what we can do for true property tax relief. And if Senator Landis is correct, that this isn't it, then I would hope that as we continue the discussion on AM2803, that we'll find those solutions that actually move in that direction. But you also have to wonder if people are actually willing and serious