

state, and I think if you'd...I think a lot of things have been said here tonight, and Senator Schellpeper said one of them, that if you are going to vote for this, you are going to have to be ready to vote for the whole state next year, and I think that's in consideration, but I want to touch on something that hasn't been spoken about here tonight. Out in my hometown, they've tried to get a sales tax a couple, three times, and every time they did it, the rural people around fought it and finally beat it down, but one thing that we don't think about when we do that, if the city raises their sales tax, they don't have to raise their property tax, and all the people out around that town, their property tax goes up to support them schools, and then they get less in state aid, and the town that got the sales tax gets more state aid, and I don't think that's been talked about here tonight, and I think that is one thing that we really should consider because that makes a difference in the state aid under 1059. So I am supporting this and I sure hope that we get it voted off. Thank you.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. Do not get lulled to sleep by Senator Chambers' whispering away of his last speech on this motion to reconsideration, to reconsider. He is suggesting to you that all you need to do is to vote to reconsider, and then we can sort of sail through the rest of the session. Well, that isn't going to be the case, and I think that we all know that. Nothing has been brought up on the floor this evening that would...should, well, certainly no new argument of any kind that would change the situation from last Friday. I would like to ask, is Senator Schellpeper here? Maybe not. He suggests that this would be a tax base problem, that somehow a one-year tax which goes off a year from now is a tax base problem for the state. No one has been able to argue anywhere near successfully that it is a tax base problem for the state. The state is not now taxing this one-half cent. It is not now taxing it. If a year from now the state desires to increase the sales tax by one-half cent, then this base will be there, the one-half cent will be there to tax on a statewide basis. To say and suggest that this one-half cent is now going to be eroded is...is not even remotely accurate, not even remotely accurate. Senator Schellpeper is talking about the tax base, I don't know whether he supports the fertilizer tax issue, but if he does, that is a direct erosion of the tax base because it is taking money out of the state tax base right now. So if