

really, I would have to oppose this legislation because credits can be given. We can provide an incentive for solar energy for the use and promotion of solar energy and we can do that without exempting property and I don't think we ought to be in the business of exempting more property. We can provide the incentives without ever changing this constitution and therefore it makes it an unnecessary, if Senator Koch is correct. If Senator Koch is not correct, then we ought to provide that the Legislature can add credits to this. Either way, I think that there ought to be some clarification before this bill is advanced. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: We still have before us Senator Mills' amendment. Would you want to speak to your amendment, because that's really what is before the house, Senator Mills?

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I would like to amend the Committee amendment perhaps then to clear up some of the confusion but Senator Koch had asked for the Committee amendment to be adopted so I wanted to go along with that and his wishes.

PRESIDENT: Oh, all right. Then you're not offering your amendment...?

SENATOR MILLS: I'm not offering it yet in request of Senator Koch, the Chairman of the Committee.

PRESIDENT: All right, thank you. Senator Koch, would you close debate on the adoption of the Committee amendments?

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Newell, I can assure you that the language that is in that bill, lines 24 through 27, is new language to the constitution. That's new language. That's why it's underlined. All we did was to amend that language to make certain that we do not have excessive or redundant wordage in the constitution. The constitution, as you well know, only provides a frame work under which you can pass law. No way are we saying that the Legislature cannot, by law, grant a rebate or whatever you're concerned about. We are attempting to clarify the new language that was originally placed in this bill as introduced by Senator Mills and this was done with a considerable amount of research and conferring with the Tax Commissioner and a number of other groups that have an interest in this. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. The question is the adoption of the Committee amendments. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Mills. Well, first of all Mr. Clerk, we do have an amendment by Senator Mills?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. (Read Mills' amendment found on page 370 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.