

have you with us. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moore would move to amend the motion by adding LB 774.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: (Mike off at beginning) Mr. Speaker and members of the body, those of you who are not aware of what LB 774 is, the bill is sponsored by Senator Schmit and myself, which in actuality what it does is raise the sales tax by 2 percent. And I think it is important that if you want to debate LB 275, if you want to debate any property tax relief, I think it is really important that you would at the very least debate it on an even keel with the tax increase necessary (inaudible) that you are talking about on 275. Granted, 774 is probably a little bigger number than 275 but it really doesn't make any difference, and I mean I won't go into the potential impact of LB 275. (Mike on) Senator Warner passed out a handout on that, and he can probably explain that to you better than I can, but first off, just to suspend five rules on the 12th...13th day of the session and bring a bill to the floor is very bad precedent. That is something that usually my seatmate Senator Schmit does on the 88th day or the 58th day, and we expect that. You don't expect that on the 13th day of the session, and I think we shouldn't expect it because it is simply the wrong time to do things and stuff like that. Part of the reason 275 and the motion that several senators signed is bad because it puts all of us in a very bad situation. Like Senator Withem said, he is trying to make this the litmus test on whether or not you are for property tax relief this session. That is the litmus test he is trying to put forth before the body. And it is so easy, it is easy to sit on November 25th and promise what Santa Claus is going to bring you on December 25th but it is not fair to do it that way. If you really want to have property tax relief, then the body has to be willing to support a tax increase that is going to pay for it, and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem, state your point, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, point of order is that, and I am sorry it took me awhile to find this, Rule 2, Section 1 indicates that...excuse me, Rule 2, Section 2 indicates that a motion to suspend the rules is not amendable. We changed that rule last year, and I believe Senator Moore's motion is out of order for