

too much of your time, but that is kind of my response at this time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to say this, I really believe that there needs to be some limiting language of some kind in LB 643, if, in fact, it does become law. As I read the language, and I do not understand how we can limit the possibilities of an entity of government with this language because this language is very broad, and as I have indicated, it doesn't say...it does not read, for estimated tax loss due to anticipated and pending litigation. It says, due to anticipated or pending litigation. You can anticipate any kind of litigation, and I would suggest that if the county board anticipated that they might have a loss involving any number of things, any number of accidents, that they could, in effect, use this bill and I do not believe that is what Senator Bernard-Stevens wants. It has been my experience that when you are in doubt, you ought to take precautions. I think that we ought to take some precaution with this publication, with this bill, and I am not sure either, Senator Bernard-Stevens, if this amendment of mine even does all that I want it to do, but I certainly think the amendment needs to be added to the bill to give us some indication that it is not an open-end invitation to proceed and, therefore, I would ask for the support of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: An amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend Senator Schmit's amendment. (Read Hall amendment found on page 1426 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Schmit's amendment as long as the, I guess, the Hall amendment is adopted to it. I understand the issue that Senator Schmit raises with regard to I guess the purpose of which is to clarify where the issue would be appropriate with regard to the local subdivision and the budgetary provisions provided in LB 643. All my amendment does is strike lines 6 and 7 that deal with the issue of litigation exceeds 5 percent of the amount to be levied. It does not impact at all the clarifying provision that Senator Schmit explained in his opening with regard to his amendment. I just strike the