

sales tax increase, or even income tax increase probably ought to be on the table, to fund property tax relief, that we put some sort of trigger mechanism into it, recognizing that there will not be common, unanimous consensus on the floor of how much money is available and what percentage of that surplus is appropriate to spend on a project like this. That we look at some sort of trigger mechanism. That if the conservative estimates are wrong, that we have more money available than the conservative estimates of our future are in fact incorrect, then the tax does not go into effect. If, on the other hand, the conservative estimates on our economy are correct, that we do have this go into effect, some sort of trigger mechanism is what I'm mentioning. It could be a level of the reserve, it can be you know perhaps a recommendation by the forecasting board that the Board of Equalization make a change and the Board of Equalization be empowered to enact this specific one-half cent sales tax. I really don't know what the answer is. I's something I've been visiting with a couple of people about. This is probably not it, but I'm....So I filed it here in case we got into a serious discussion on whether we ought to be adding a half cent sales tax at this particular point in the session, that we at least talked about rather than putting it in statute, etching it in stone in statute, and it does happen, that we make some degree of flexibility with some sort of trigger mechanism. And if this particular trigger mechanism is wrong and inaccurate, I'd be more than happy to visit with other people about what it is. But, as Senator Conway just bringing the sales tax increase to us for purposes of discussion, I will withdraw this particular amendment at this point with the understanding that I'll be working with people and willing to talk with people about how we might do it and make it workable.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. To the Conway amendment.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Senator Withem pointed out, and I think is the point that maybe possibly Senator Lamb missed, is the fact that after signing onto the bill, giving some serious thought to signing onto that bill, and I only sign onto those bills that I'm serious about, that I do want to see the bill progress. What I also want to do is make sure that the bill does not meet its demise by virtue of at a later date we find out that the reserves or the excess funds that are available to implement this bill are not there, that I think that I'm serious enough about this bill that I would be