

passed into law and have been in effect now for two years. The committee did not feel that it was the proper time to go back and address the issues of the tax brackets, that it was too soon to take a look at those issues, thus the committee amendments that you have before you. I'm sure that there will be opposition, possibly even violent opposition to the committee amendments and I will look forward to that discussion. With that, Mr. President, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have your amendment number 844, which I believe you'll find in your bill books, it's printed separately.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Mr. Speaker and Mr. Clerk, I would withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Wesely and McFarland would move to amend the committee amendments. I have AM1343 in front of me, Senator. (Wesely-McFarland amendment can be found printed on page 1639 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, are you handling it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I do appreciate the chance to discuss the issue of income taxes with you for a little bit this afternoon. I want to thank Senator McFarland, co-sponsoring the amendment. Senator McFarland has worked a great deal on this issue and pointed out a number of problems with the income tax changes of 1987, with the passage of LB 773. Both Senator McFarland and I have raised issue with that change, and over the past two years, since its adoption have pointed out the amount of increase involved with that, the shifting of the taxes involved with that, and have tried to make