

done it before and I would separate the issue of being able to consider talking about that and actually doing it. Tim Hall has got some good arguments probably against this amendment. Fair enough. But what I hope this body will allow me to do is to make the argument and have the chance of winning if I've got 25 votes. Now I haven't gone around trying to raise votes. Frankly, this is off the top of my head although I've given you notice on it. I think it's been in the back of all of our minds. What I hope the body doesn't say is, we're not going to discuss the idea. We're not going to vote on its merits. We will allow a procedural step to stop us from addressing the underlying policy issue of whether or not we should have a sales tax increase. Whether you are for or against the sales tax increase, I ask you if it's fair for the body to be able to consider raising the revenue that you're going to spend in the very same bill. I think that's fair. And even if you intend to vote against my amendment, I would hope you would allow the body to consider whether or not you raise the money at the same time you spend it. Suspend the rules and then if you want, vote down my amendment but at least allow the body to consider that idea. And I won't spend any other time renewing my light. I will just close.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on that? I have...Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in opposition to the suspension of the rules and it's not, David, because I am afraid to discuss the issue of sales tax increases. By no means does that bother me at all. I will be more than willing to not only support your amendment but co-sponsor it at the point in time that I think that the increase is necessary and I do not think that we have reached that point yet. And I do not also think that it should be in LB 84. We have...and Senator Landis is correct when he says there has been precedent. I don't agree with the issue of overwhelming precedence, Senator Landis, but precedent, yes, that I will accept the amended version. But that doesn't necessarily mean it was correct. And what we're dealing with here now is a major piece of legislation and it's got a big price tag. And so one of the things we always look at when we're dealing with major pieces of legislation with big price tags is allowing for the funding mechanism to be a part of that legislation. Now, ladies and gentlemen, we just got done with an amendment prior to this...to this bill that talked about what is good tax policy. How should