

will happen. I feel like Senator Chambers on many of his amendments, I think I know what is going to happen on this amendment, but I think it needs to be discussed. I think the body needs to be on record, and I also would like to point out we could make whatever excuses we want to vote against the amendment, but what we're also saying is in order to continue LB 84 for the second year, knowing that the receipts may not be as high as they are now, we know in this body that we'll have to talk about this amendment or another amendment to increase funding. We know in this body we'll have to do that or not come up with something or not continue LB 84, and we'll have to do that in a year where there is not as much surplus funds, in a year where there is political elections and things become very difficult in that time to increase taxes, as it is at any time period. Now is the best time to face that bullet. I suspect we'll dodge it again. That's the nature of the amendment. Thank you.

PFESIDENT: Senator Hall, please, did you wish to speak on this?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Mr. President, just for a point of clarification. Could I ask Senator Bernard-Stevens if he could tell me what the amendment does? I missed that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Hall has a question for you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hall, it's a simple amendment (inaudible)...

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...contrary to what we did earlier, but it also says that we'd have a half cent sales that would be instituted in the second year, that would fund that second year.

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words, you strike the one year and then you put in a half cent sales, one cent sales?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you. Mr. President, members, I rise in opposition to Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment. I appreciate the concern with regard to at least providing for a two-year program. I firmly believe that that is something that