

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. They are withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, now I have a series of amendments and motions to return. Senator Conway, you had the first one, Senator. This is the one you had filed earlier. It is AM1557 on page 1929 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise at this point and will right off the bat say I will withdraw this amendment, but to save putting my light on during the discussion during the known compromise amendment that is coming up that I will be supporting, I wanted to ask Senator Hall a couple of questions relative to items in that compromise, so that we have some clarification.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you respond?

SENATOR HALL: I will sure try.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Hall, in reading the proposed compromise, as I guess we will dub it at least in this case, my concern is as when you start looking at the application process for the homestead exemption side, and as you read some of the language in Section 3, and then later in Section 8, what my question really stems from is that at some point...initially we start talking about the 8.5, that everyone will get the 8.5 just carte blanche without having to do anything special. Then later when we get into Section 8, we start talking about the homestead exemption part where there is the option of having the set amount, now I believe it is 5,400, and application has to be made by September 1st in '89, since this is the year it is applied to, so this year people will have to apply by September 1st and then that will be reflected in your tax payments which many people pay on those two times, May 1st and September 1st of next year, and I am always a bit concerned with the application. I know it is necessary because of other declarations, but my concern is also that, one, the public is very well aware of that application because to benefit from the 5,400 which may give them more than the 8.5 percent, that application has to be made, and there is a little bit of confusion in the language. I think it is fairly clear but just for the record so that people recognize the fact that, in essence, is the scenario such that if you think you are entitled