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Committee and we heard the testimony on it. I thought that it was the fair way to go. We had not been charging sales tax on those memberships to nonprofit organizations before and I really didn't see any reason to start at this time. I realize that there is sales tax charged on individual admittance tickets but, as I understand that, they made that decision when they passed the sales tax law. So all this bill would do would clarify that standing on memberships to nonprofit organizations. I don't think that we have to go that low to charge sales tax to those people that want to help a nonprofit organization. Certainly, these nonprofit organizations do a lot of good in our state. And so I would urge you to support this amendment and then advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Warner touched on an issue that does make it a matter of principle for me and Senator Hall and I were just kind of batting it back and forth but not on the mike. If no tax is to be charged in order to help these nonprofit organizations, as well as the people who are going to buy the memberships, what about the individual or the family which cannot, say, afford to buy a membership but could go to the zoo once or maybe twice in a year? They have to pay the tax. So if the principle is that nobody should be taxed who is going to do something that redounds to the benefit of these nonprofit corporations, let the benefit go to everybody who is going to be in that position. But the way I break it down in my mind and perhaps it's an overstatement in this particular instance, is that the benefit will not accrue to those who may not be well off enough to lift themselves into the category where they can afford to purchase a membership. So at the time the tax law was being put into place, determining who would pay a sales tax, those individuals who were not that well off would never have a voice. Put the tax on them but those who can purchase these memberships, maybe it's a corporation, maybe they will purchase it for all the members of their organization. They don't pay a sales tax because they're big, they're important and they should be given that slack that they are always given but the individual is left out in the cold. The issue has been presented to us at this time in this fashion and, because the equities being what they are, I can't vote in favor of Senator Lindsay and Senator Hall's amendment.