

been up and back on final and it is a bill that no one, I don't think, has portrayed as the end-all, final solution to the issue of the over-reliance on property taxes. Nobody said that I wouldn't portray that, but, Senator Chambers, I'll go out on the hustings and you can call it what you want and I'll call it what I want and maybe they'll chase me with pitchforks and other things, but the fact of the matter is that this bill is as good as we can do. And that may be a shame in some people's eyes, but in some people's eyes we're never going to come to a conclusion or to a bill that they can live with. It is a shift. It starts that shift. It makes that shift away from property taxes. We take it out of the General Fund and we say that's sales and income and we move in that direction. And I think that this, again, is a first step toward that. Now, you may not like this first step. You may not think it's enough. I don't necessarily think it's enough, but it is clearly what the body has agreed that they feel they can do. A majority of the members have done that, suspended the rules so we can read this bill. I think we need to reject Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider this and read LB 84, because what it does do, outside of provide \$98 million, it does then force our hand. That's absolutely right. It does begin the process of saying we have made one decision; we have made one decision with regard to our spending and we have five days left to finish that chore. But you have to start some place, ladies and gentlemen, and this bill has been there. We have talked about it. We have debated it. We have come to the conclusion through the suspension motion that was adopted that we feel that this is the route we should take. I would urge you oppose Senator...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ..Chambers' motion to reconsider and to read the bill tonight.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm not going to embarrass anyone by naming the names of individual legislators who, in the past several weeks, I quizzed relative to the net amount of money that would be returned to the taxpayer if we passed LB 84, but I asked a number of legislators and the vast majority had not even thought about the federal income tax liability. Most of the legislators who are supporting this bill are relatively frugal legislators and I just heard one of my