

much and it does too little. The bill does not purport to right all of the wrongs that exist in our tax system. Senator McFarland is addressing what he considers to be a major fault in our income tax system. We, when we proposed this bill, as a commission, and we, as co-sponsors of LB 1059, have had to limit ourselves to the degree of wrongs that we attempt to address with this bill. We are not doing lots of different things with our tax system as it exists. I guess I would be honest that I have heard the McFarland amendment offered on enough different bills, enough different times, it's maybe beginning to sink in a little bit to me and I'm not as adamantly opposed to what he is trying to do as I may have been back when I voted for 773. Part of that, I guess, indicates to me that maybe some of the people that supported 773, not inside the body but outside the body, maybe were more interested in individual tax impact than they really were in attracting other industry into our state. But I just don't think we ought to attempt to correct all of the problems of the world on this particular bill. There are some other things that are listed here that on their own I may be giving some consideration to them, but I just don't think we ought to be trying to use this bill to attempt to correct all of the wrongs within our society. I indicated that Senator McFarland has adopted...tried to offer this amendment any number of times before. I think on the motion to adjourn sine die he offered this as an amendment last time around also. So I think the arguments are very similar to what they have been before and I'm just not going to support it on this particular bill at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator McFarland's amendment and, like Senator Withem, I am a co-sponsor of the bill. But I disagree with Senator Withem's logic with regard to whether or not the McFarland amendment needs to be a part of this measure because if you look at what 1059 does, it clearly is not something that even purports to right all the wrongs but it does deal with the issue of school finance and school equalization and state aid with regard to the funding of those provisions. And, as a part of that, in order to right that wrong, we use income tax as a way to increase those monies that we send to the local school districts. It only makes sense to me that if we feel that we need to correct the wrong that we have in our school finance system that I clearly believe we do, when we use that income tax