

Senator Hall? If not, would you proceed. Just a moment, we have a problem. Would you try Senator Chizek's microphone. We seem to have a little problem here at the moment. Well, maybe we don't want any...Try them again to see if there is sound there at all. No, there is none. Senator Byars, let us try yours to see if it is working. Try yours, Senator Byars, now to see if it is working. No, yours. Okay. Senator Owen Elmer. Looks like it. At ease a moment, ladies and gentlemen.

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PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) If I might have your attention, it has been suggested that speakers come up and use the Clerk's microphone until we get the problem resolved which might be any time or it might be later. So, if that would be agreeable with you, it would be inconvenient for you, but the speakers as lined up could come up and speak in the Clerk's microphone and we'd get something done at least. Mr. Clerk, which do we have up first? (Gavel.)

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the amendment that currently is before the body is the Hall amendment, AM2845. It is found on page 1179.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, do you want to be our first guinea pig?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, members, the amendment that the Clerk read you, 2845, is the amendment that we skipped over this morning. It is one that was requested on behalf of the county officials. It was included in one version of the combined amendment that Senator Withem offered this morning and was inadvertently left out. It basically does nothing more than hold off the provision that allowed for the assessment to be determined on behalf of school districts for one year. So in other words, the only change that we would make here is allow the current system for assessment with regard to valuation to remain being the process that we currently use by county and the assessment by virtue of school district which was in the original version of 1059 would be delayed for one year. The purposes for this are that the county officials requested it because it will take some time. The county officials in conjunction with the Department of Revenue requested it. It will take some time to implement this. We also are in the process, as many of you remember, the Property Tax Assessment