

amount of sales tax that they are going to be charged. I am going to suggest once again you have now accepted the premise of a lid. You don't want it. You accept it because you think it is inevitable, but once you have accepted the premise, you are duty bound to believe that if it is good in 1059, it is going to be very difficult for you to campaign against it if it is being imposed through the Constitution. Mr. President, I ask permission to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, do you have something else we can work on then at the moment?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Warner who is still excused. Senator McFarland had the next amendment, Mr. President, who I believe is also excused. Mr. President, Senator Abboud and Smith have the next amendment. (See AM2953 on page 1303 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud, are you going to start with that one? Okay.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, this particular amendment takes off that sunset provision that we adopted during the first...it is tough to remember exactly when we did adopt it. I believe it was adopted earlier on Select File, the Baack-Kristensen amendment that provided three-year hold harmless to provide the protection for some school districts that are going to be not benefited as some other districts will be, and this particular proposal states that the hold harmless, which is currently estimated at about \$2 million, out of the 210 million we are spending on this bill, shall continue beyond and not be sunsetted after three years. The rationale behind this particular approach is that I think it is a good proposal, a proposal that should stay on until we decide later to take it off. And instead of putting the responsibility upon those school districts that are going to be hurt by this hold harmless coming off, I think that those other school districts that are going to benefit by those \$2 million should be the ones to come forward and explain why it should come off. It is a small amount of money in comparison to the overall amount, and I think that if you look at it, it is a matter really of fairness, and it would take away a lot, a good chunk at least, of some of the problems that I have with the bill, in that my school district of Ralston gets hit by this bill. It doesn't benefit as greatly as some other districts. I realize there have been some