

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, and members, I appreciate the opportunity to just make a couple of questions and points. Even though I haven't participated earlier in the special session, I have tried to follow the issues quite closely from quite a distance, but, nevertheless, I have a question of Senator Hall, and, Senator Chambers, I hope you can follow this as well. If you look, Senator Chambers and Senator Hall, on page 4, you will find in the original bill discussion about item, subitem (g), deal with the question of production. There is a term that is included as you list through the pipes, tanks, valves, gauges and other issues, and for purposes of, but not limited to, production, and then transportation, transmission, et cetera, and then steam, heat, water, oil, gas, or other products. It is a much broader interpretation. If you look at the committee amendments, you don't have production included, and you also change from other products to other similar substances. You change dramatically the scope of this definition of real property for taxation purposes, and I have some conceptions about why this change is being proposed by the administration but I would like, Senator Hall, if you could, to just address what you know to be the reason that they proposed these amendments, if you could. If you don't know, that is fine, too. And then I would just like to follow up on that, if you could, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wesely, my...I mean it is just basically the answer would be that the original green copy of the bill, subsection (g), that deals with...it just lists and it says, used for the purposes of, but not limited to, now which is a very...it means anything, production, transportation, transmission, or storage of steam, heat, water, gas, oil, or other products. Other products can be anything under the sun, and the reason for the change is that, as you stated, the committee amendments just deal with other similar substances. So the purpose for it is to very much narrow in scope the intent of the legislation.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I appreciate that. I think the other intent is that there was perhaps...perhaps in the original draft of this bill, somebody wasn't being as careful as they should be. As I think we'll point out as we go through this legislation, point by point, you can find where perhaps we