

know whether there was a motion made. Because, one of the reasons, I didn't have enough time to take his amendment and go page by page and line by line and section by section and have a legal beagle look at it, argue, and change it around. So I guess my point is this, for you folks to stand up here one day and to carp on something, and then to turn right around the next day and do the same thing, I guess it all boils down to the eyes of the beholder. Now the committee, the Revenue Committee, spent approximately seven and a half hours Friday on these bills. We listened to the testimony. Now that is a long time. Now maybe I didn't agree with everything that the Revenue Committee did. However, we discussed it. We discussed it Monday afternoon, and here it is. If you don't like it, take it out and vote it down. That is what we are recommending, but I sure wouldn't stand in this body and say take a 90 or 70-page amendment you have never seen and vote yes. I would ask you to vote no on the Schmit amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Owen Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. What Senator Schmit is proposing here is something that we need to really look at a little bit. People we talked to out there say, I don't care if I have to pay a tax as long as it is affordable and everyone else is paying on the same kind of property. They say, don't come in and patch the wreck we have. Fix it. Something like this, whether it is Senator Schmit's amendment, or the amendment that I will offer to you later on in the afternoon, but it needs to be fixed. If Senator Schmit's amendment looks better to you than the solution I am going to offer, I would suggest to you that you would vote for this. It solves some problems. It does away with these exemptions that are the heart of our problem. If one of us pays the tax, we should all pay the tax. I am going to support Senator Schmit's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Langford, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Langford. Excuse me, Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, I respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate on the