

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I would continue the discussion. The agreement applies to, I believe, three tax years, '87, '88, '89, and that is not affected. The issue is whether or not in the future there is other alternatives that ought to be considered that was, as you...several that I suspect you all know, a substantial study done, approved by the Department of Revenue that had another possible approach, which had some difference. In fact, as you will recall, it was a couple million difference, I guess, in the total amount of taxes that would be paid. But there is no effort that I am aware of, at least, that a different method than what is currently being used would be anticipated. I do think the state ought to have that flexibility. From what the railroads said to me, at least, and I have not visited with them extensively, but I understood that they were not...did not object to having it taken out and I don't think it guarantees litigation. I would suggest you could have litigation irregardless. But I think it should be taken out and let that flexibility for the state rather than lock this in based upon agreement for the three calendar years that is passed and is unaffected.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I would like to pass and let Senator Hannibal speak. I'm having some copies made of a document which I would rather address when my time comes up. I would like to pass and speak later.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, a question, I think, first of Senator Hall if he would respond.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Hall, the amendment that appears before us in the committee amendments that puts in the net book value, was that not offered to the committee by the railroads?

SENATOR HALL: Oh, absolutely.