

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator Haberman's amendment and I applaud him for doing that. I opposed the amendment when it was in Exec Session in front of the Revenue Committee because I felt that the amendment, not for the reasons that he stated that he and Senator Warner discussed this morning, although those are valid, I feel that the addition or the removal of the exemption for the sales tax could very likely be another action by the railroads that would drag the 4-R Act into play because there are other common carrier types of individuals who do not currently pay a sales tax on those same items, and we could find ourselves back to square one only in the area of our sales tax, in this case. So I would urge the body to adopt Senator Haberman's amendments which would basically strike these provisions from the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would just be supportive of Senator Haberman. He accurately stated our conversation this morning and I would support his amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, would you like to close on your amendment. The question is the adoption of the Haberman amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Haberman's amendment to that portion of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Haberman amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Now we are back to the section we are discussing further. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Actually, Senator Hall, as committee chairman should introduce the amendment and then...oh, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, do you wish to close on this portion of the amendments?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would urge that this portion of the committee amendments be adopted as they have been amended.