

true, so I'm going to vote against the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Landis, followed by Senator Morrissey and Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to make a couple of remarks about the debate itself, then I want to respond to Senator Warner's admonitions. There are a couple of arguments that Senator Crosby just made that I want to respond to. She said that it's not appropriate for us to be in special session setting tax rates. But it's critical to understand that we are setting tax rates. If we do nothing, if we pass LB 1, LB 2 and LB 7 and do nothing else, we're setting tax rates. Our inaction is setting tax rates out in local political subdivisions. It is an illusion to think that we are not setting tax rates by making sure that political subdivisions are going to have that \$12 million problem to deal with next year without the adequate remedies we gave them in previous years, for which we have no plans before us. So, we are setting tax rates, Senator Crosby, that vote really means that the property taxpayer should pay the 12 million bucks. Second, her statement was when we get together and say let's get them, speaking of the corporations, we're affecting a group of people, number one, to whom we should feel some loyalty, since they make the whole thing work, and, secondly, people who have other obligations in their private lives. Well, we haven't ever said, let's get them. This state has never said, let's get the corporations. This state has said, how much do you want, to the corporations. Our historical pattern is to ask less of them than we ask anybody else. And we have trickled down with a vengeance in our tax codes at this point. On the other hand, I try to pride myself in trying to read the street and see what's what. And the last vote on the Dierks amendment was not really a vote about the three tiers, the two tiers, it was about the underlying issue. And I think it was the body responding to Senator Warner's argument more than any other. Now, Senator Warner is pretty crafty in that take a look at the special...at the reso...at the agenda for the session. What we've got there is a motion to raise this from committee. It's not on General File, it's not on Select File, it's a day behind, it's easy "pickins'", it will give the corporate community one more day to kill it. On the other hand the motion to raise it, attached with the motion to place it on the agenda for today puts me in a relatively even capacity. Pretty fair up. I'm going to assume that Senator Warner was making a good faith effort, and I'm