

something I have in theory supported, in practice, I have never seen a way of doing it. I am intrigued and that's probably about as far as I will go now. Publicly, I am intrigued with part of your suggestion that you made recently for resolving part of the personal property tax problem that a shifting of those responsibilities from local property taxes to state funding might be part of the ongoing solution to deal with the personal property tax problem. And I'm more interested in looking at that now than I have been for a few years.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. I would just like to add that it seems to me that at this point this is something that we should seriously consider during this property tax discussion because it's never made a lot of sense to me that the tech colleges were partially funded by property tax, where other institutions of postsecondary education are funded completely from the General Fund and that part of this total property tax problem could possibly be used to bring about what I think and what many other people think will eventually happen sometime. One of the advantages of doing that is that it would be an opportunity or a method by which state funds could be funneled back to property taxpayers who will, with the removal of business equipment from property tax rolls, be suffering, be paying more. And so if we could, at this point, add that back in and reward, in other words, or lessen the blow to real property taxpayers by removing tech colleges from the property tax base, I think it might be an appropriate item to discuss. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Next speaker, Senator Nelson. Senator Nelson. Anyone else wishing to discuss the amendment by Senator Withem? Seeing no one, Senator Warner, did you wish to close, or Senator Withem? They waive closing. We will...they both waive closing. That's two waives, that's pretty good. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment offered by Senators Withem and Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's and Warner's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend. (The Johnson amendment appears on page 1651 of the Legislative