

opposition, and there was no neutral testimony, not even on the part of the department. The department's comments to me were that they wanted some clarification, they wanted a policy decision made on the part of the Legislature with regard to this issue. The Revenue Committee took it up. I made the motion to advance the proposal to the floor, that failed with only two votes. The committee then subsequently did indefinitely postpone the bill, but that tends to be the way we deal with bills that don't have the votes to get out to the floor, usually. I did tell individuals that I would offer this amendment to 773, and I know the introducer, Senator Robak, is going to speak to it. Subsequently talked to individuals in the Republican Party, who have said that they also support this issue. There was a question about whether or not one item, I think in particular, the gubernatorial ball would be exempt or not. And the answer is, no, it would not, tax would have to be paid on any tickets that were sold in that case. What we do in 773, with this amendment, is just basically put in place what has been practiced in the past with regard to the taxation of these types of events. An example would be that any event where there is a speaker, any type of entertainment, tax would have to be paid, would be due and owed on the admission price of that ticket. So it is something that not only candidate committees, but parties as well would have to, I think, address, not only in the future, ladies and gentlemen, but the department has the ability and probably will go about the process of going back three years to collect tax on this, if the revenue...excuse me, the Legislature chooses not to make a decision to reverse what their actions have been to date, and that is to make the decision to collect tax in these areas. With that, I would give the balance of my time, Mr. Speaker, to Senator Robak, who was the principal introducer of LB 611.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robak, you have about five and a half minutes.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, and thank you, Senator Hall, for amending my bill into your 773. LB 611 was my bill. It was brought to me by the Democratic Party, but it does not necessarily involve the Democratic Party alone, it's everybody, or every candidate, candidate committee that are working to get their candidates elected, would have to charge sales tax for the fund raisers, if there is an admission price, and if any entertainment occurs at the fund raiser. The media picked it up as a Democratic Party bill, and I was alluded