

you're not jeopardizing 775 to any extent. The impact of that program is in the sales and income tax credits, it allows for the investment.

SENATOR BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: This is only an add-on. It is the frosting on the cake, the personal property tax provisions. If I remember right, it is the insignia of corporate headquarters or...corporate jets represent corporate headquarters. Mainframe computers represent corporate headquarters. That was the argument that was made four years ago and not all that long ago across the street. But the issue here is one of, in my opinion, there is no difference between any other personal property in the personal property tax, personal property that is represented and exempted under 775. There, clearly, you have a real constitutional problem, in my mind. We don't have 775 in the Constitution although some would like to. We do not have that, you cannot make the distinction between the two. The state has contracted with these operations. We would...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...by trying to tax those, be in violation of that contract. I do not see it as a problem. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Next speaker is Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely, you're up next.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I obviously, would rise in support of the amendment. I have been quite critical of LB 775 over the years and have felt that my concerns have been accurate in the cost of the program and some of the other effects of the program on revenues and the fact that some of the jobs created in the activity involved with it would have occurred anyway in all the other arguments involved with it. But we're really not talking about that issue at this point. We're talking about the particular issue that Senator Hall is raising about personal property and I think in that light it makes absolute sense to proceed with this amendment. If we do not, we continue to have an exemption in the statutes come next January that, again, is that little string that starts to unravel the cloth and fabric that cover us with the proposals