

here. And that is, are we fashioning a temporary solution to get us through one year only, and then are we going to deal with everything in our tax structure to try to come up with a fair tax structure, or is this going to become the permanent solution? And if this is going to become the permanent solution then I'm not supportive of it, and I'm going to do all that I can to convince other people that this should not be the permanent solution. We cannot blissfully come in, and without any more thought than we've given into it, take all personal property tax off the tax rolls, and then fashion some sort of proposal that puts the cost of paying for that back on the backs of the average taxpayer. I'm afraid that if we adopt Senator Lamb's amendment then we no longer have a temporary solution, we have a permanent solution. Frankly, I've heard that argument given from the other side, that if the hammer, that is in the bill now, the way it's fashioned now passes, there will be some of us that say, well, that's fine, that's the permanent solution. And I'm aware of that solu...of that concern. And I've heard Senator Moore and Senator Warner and others talk about that. And I'm willing to consider other proposals to deal with a temporary...with the sunset, the hammer, so that it is not one that favors one side over the other. But unless we have an assurance that this is only a temporary solution, and not a permanent solution, folks, it will become the permanent solution. We've seen how groups, any group, I'm not going to bash any particular individual, or any particular group, but any group that has a narrow focus, that favors a particular position that is going to benefit them, has an obscene advantage over those that are trying to fashion something for the general public good, because the general public good does not have folks out in the Rotunda lobbying on their behalf. What we need to do is make sure that anything we pass this session leaves things in a state of limbo, if we are, in fact, serious that we're going to look for some other solution other than the one that is currently involved in amendment 1772, because if we pass something in the guise of LB 829 that can stand as a permanent solution, it's likely to become that permanent solution, whether we want it to be one or not. So, for that reason, we need to leave something. I'm willing to consider what Senator Warner is talking about. I may not like it as well as what's currently in the...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...the Hall amendment, but I'm willing to