

that, as Senator Withem explained earlier, we've got to decide if this is a temporary solution, or if this is a permanent solution. And the reality is that if we adopt the Lamb amendment, and if we don't say, at some point, we're going to have some property go back on the tax rolls without action by this Legislature, we are, in effect, adopting a permanent solution. And, I mean, I don't think that there is any way we could reasonably expect people to sit down and bargain on this issue, if they aren't in a position where something is going to happen otherwise. It's just a reality of the way the Legislature has worked in the tax area over the years. We exempt property, we talk about putting it back on the rolls, we exempt things from sales tax, we talk about coming back and taxing them. And, for the most part, it just doesn't happen. I think it's essential that we have the provision in this bill that Senator Lamb is attempting to take out. I think the other thing you need to realize, in very real terms that everyone can understand, is, if we adopt this provision, and we put it in the bill, and we pass this bill, I don't know, I haven't talked to the Governor about what he's going to do, but I think we ought to start thinking about what we're going to do with our summer, because if this bill hit my desk and I was wanting a temporary solution and not a permanent one, the Legislature might have it right back in their laps, because this simply is not what the Governor has got in mind. What the Governor's got in mind, what we should have in mind, is working through an examination of our tax system, coming back with a bill, or a variety of bills next year that attempt to implement something that is constitutional, that's workable, and that's fair. And I think adopting the Lamb amendment sends all the people involved the worst sign possible, it sends them the signal that says, you know, this is a temporary solution, but, wink, wink, it might stick around for a while. And I don't think that's the message we want to send. If we actually go ahead and adopt the Lamb amendment, you might be better off voting down the Governor's amendment and passing LB 829 as it was introduced, and go on from there. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Will. Before I go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of Senator Lynch. Under the north balcony, we have Percy Young, from Spruce Head, Maine, and he's here today with his son, Dick, and his wife, Pat Young, from Lincoln. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. And also under the south balcony we have some guests of Senator Owen Elmer. They are Bob and Selma Rains from Crete,