

and Karen Campbell, and Wava Case, and she's here from California. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Lamb amendment. I had one that was drawn just about like it, and that would come up in a little while. But I don't want to... I don't think we ought to have a hammer in this bill. I think you can trust us. I think we're sincere when we say we want to find a long-term solution. But the way Senator Hall's amendment says, that puts all personal property tax back on the tax rolls. And I don't want... I don't think we want to do that. I don't think we want to threaten these groups. Like I said before, I believe that everybody is willing to come to the table and try to find the long-term solution. This is my 15th year in here, and it seems like every year we're talking about taxes, whether it be personal property tax, whether it be income tax, or whether it be sales tax. Last year was the year for education, LB 1059, in which we increased sales and income tax and tried to relieve property tax, and we did in most instances. Okay. What happens if we don't do anything? Then we would operate still on the short-term solution that will pass. And this short-term solution may not be perfect, but I don't think we'll ever find a perfect solution. And same way the long-term solution, I don't think we'll ever find a perfect solution, but we'll keep trying. And, not only that, but as new members come into this body, and as new Governors are elected, and as Supreme Court judges are changed, everybody has a different idea. And so our tax policies are going to change over the years, and I don't think that's all bad. I know some of the other states surrounding us are a little concerned. A lot of their central assessed property now... issues have gone to the courts, and we don't know what's going to happen with them, but they're going to have to find a solution, too. But I just don't want to put everything back on the tax rolls come January 1, 1992. I think that that could cause a severe recession in our state. Also, come January 1, 1992, if everything goes back on, county assessors will have to beef up their staff because all this property will have to be assessed. And remember, folks, we don't come back until the first week or second week in January. And so they'll have to assemble their staff and start doing this work. How about the businesses and farmers that have inventory? Is our inventory date going to be on January 1, 1992? So we have problems if we automatically put it back on. So I would say support the Lamb amendment and then