

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Are these supposed to be temporary taxes or permanent taxes?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, I guess they will be whatever this body decides. I have faith that the 3-R Committee will make those determinations, and this body may go along or may not go along with what the committee says.

SENATOR MOORE: I appreciate the confidence in the 3-R Committee. What does Senator Lamb want them to be?

SENATOR LAMB: Pardon?

SENATOR MOORE: What does Senator Lamb want them to be, permanent or temporary?

SENATOR LAMB: You see, as far as I am concerned, I would accept all of those. I do not like the 2 percent depreciation surcharge, but I am willing to accept that. Those others are okay as far as I am concerned, and there may be others that I haven't thought of that you may know about.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, thank you, Senator Lamb. I guess I am sharing Senator Lamb's opinion. The energy tax is one that I would like to somehow find another way to raise the money from. So I guess I would agree with him on that point. As to whether or not I can support this amendment, I will simply have to listen to the wisdom of the body in further debate, I guess.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, you are next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Lamb's proposal. What we have come to now is, it appears, basically an auction on how we are going to raise the money, which idea is the best idea. There is probably about I think five more of these proposals that deal with different methods, income tax, sales tax, a variation on all kinds of themes that we are going to look at in terms of raising that approximately \$95 million that we need to pay for this. Really, what I am hearing is this. I am hearing that although we don't like the depreciation surcharge, that it is probably better than some other options; that a retail collection fee is not a problem. Senator Lamb includes both of those, one to a greater extent than the present proposal. Where the rub is and where the rubber hits the road is on the utilities tax. That is