

retail collection fee, and the sales tax on manufacturing and agricultural energy use, we have struck that balance. I think that if you look at the Lamb amendment, it departs somewhat from that balance perhaps to the detriment of business and the benefit of agriculture. And I just think, as we are looking at revenue sources that we need to use to raise the money to do what we have to do with respect to the personal property tax situation, we are better off sticking with the original plan contained in the amendment. So I would urge your rejection of the Lamb amendment and, with that, I would give any remaining time I have to Senator Hall.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Thank you, Senator Will. The...again, the issue of being industry specific in terms of the approach is...you know, it flies in the face of some of the arguments I am hearing about sales and income tax as the appropriate vehicles because they are spread across the board, but yet the same individuals are, in some cases, speaking on behalf of the Lamb amendment, that, again, it runs counter to the whole idea of trying to place back on the industries that will receive the benefit of the personal property tax being exempted and not as evenly as I would like, but clearly as evenly as appropriate, I mean, as we have been able to do to date. It is not an exact science. It clearly is an extremely difficult process when you remove the tax in one area and try to place it back in some other area and make it all come out in the wash because it just doesn't happen. What we have to do here is address the personal property tax problem in what I would hope would be the best fashion possible under the circumstances, which aren't all that great, let me tell you. We have revenue problems of our own as a state. What we are doing here is trying to solve revenue problems that are at the local level. It is not easy to do, when we are not...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...going to have the ability to send those dollars. What you have here is a situation where we have crafted, I think, and I would actually say the proposal is the Revenue Committee's and the Legislature's at this point, probably much more than the Governor's, with the changes that have been made, but the fact of the matter is is that it is a fair a policy change that you can make in terms of the tax shift