

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to LB 829.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 829 was discussed yesterday. It is a bill introduced by Senator Will. A series of amendments were adopted to the bill. The first amendment I have pending today is that offered by Senator Schimek. The motion she offers is to reconsider the vote on adoption of Senator Lamb's amendment, specifically AM1852. That vote was taken yesterday.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw that motion.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Withem would move to reconsider the adoption of Senator Schellpeper's amendment, AM1843.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, there was an amendment adopted yesterday that I, personally, think does injustice to this particular proposal. A number of us were gone, and I was at a Government Committee meeting that was scheduled at the same time. An amendment was adopted that, as I understand it, raises the sales tax and the income tax to fund the shortfall that will exist for taking personal property off the tax rolls. It is my opinion that that probably is the one worst thing that we could do, and that would be to react to the Supreme Court decisions that have been coming down in the last several years that should be giving this Legislature a very clear direction that the trend that the state has had of having fewer and fewer taxpayers pay more and more of our taxes is wrong; that the trend that we have had of allowing I can't think of a better term than special interest, and I don't mean that in a derogatory sense, but interests that have a single point of view in mind of getting out of paying their fair share of taxes, and placing it back on the body that doesn't have...that doesn't belong to a special interest group and does not employ lobbyists. And I predicted back home that that certainly won't happen again, that this Legislature certainly will not, certainly will get the message that we need to fix our tax problems and won't just use this as another excuse to shift more