

think that what we did yesterday, if you read my letter, and I don't suppose most of you did, but I wrote it down because I did...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...not think I'd have time to give it to you otherwise. If you read my letter, you completed what we did...what we started to do more than 20 years ago, to take the tax off...to remove an unfair tax and return it to the sales and income taxes. We tried to do that. This completes it, but the facts are I don't like the way it was done. I don't think it was fair to Senator Hall, it wasn't fair to the urban people, and I am afraid they are going to probably shove it down our throats, and I don't want to be a participating legislator there because I have got 30,000 some constituents who are going to say, Schmit, you threw in the towel and then you went away. And you took a walk, and you went in with those urban guys. The facts are it ought to be done straight up, it ought to be done not on the basis of who has got the power. It ought to be done on the basis of what is equitable. Now I don't know that I can go to my urban friends and talk about equity if that gets back there. I am afraid they will say, aha, now we have the got the votes, Schmit, you are out of luck.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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SENATOR SCHMIT: But I am telling you exactly what is the problem in the Legislature today and that is we don't look at it from the standpoint of what is right and what is wrong. We look at it from the standpoint of who has got the votes. In this case, my rural friends, I don't know if we have got the votes or not. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall, you are next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Again, I rise in support of the motion to reconsider Senator Schellpeper's amendment. The issue is one of, again, funding, really what is the proper mechanism. I think that it has always been the intent of the Revenue Committee to deal with this from the same source where the personal property tax was derived to begin