

at this time, I will withdraw this amendment and the next at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendments are withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, does that apply to AM1825 as well? Okay. Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Rogers and Schmit.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rogers or Senator Schmit.

CLERK: Senator, I have AM1827 in front of me.

SENATOR ROGERS: Okay, Mr. Speaker, and members, I think...hang on one second. I think everything is supposed to be on your desk now. I think most of you probably heard about our amendment. It's a radical change. Basically, there is...I think the amendment is 14' pages long but there's only about four or five sections that really deal with what Senator Schmit and I are trying to do. It eliminates local school districts power to levy property taxes and requires school districts to file their budget requests with the State Board of Education which in turn would submit total statewide requests before the Legislature as part of the Department of Education budget. It's a major effort to shift, I know, school financing from local property to state funding. It would require the school budgets to submit their budgets, requests, and they would still have the 4 percent lid. There would have to be some things worked out how that money would be distributed back to the schools. Section 4 to Section 67, I believe it is, mainly deletes terms of real and personal property and the reason for that is after the sales and income tax do support education then everything in this amendment would go back on the tax roll, and when I say everything I mean everything, then that would support the rest of county government. If you would look at some of these things, I mean, I think it's amazing what something like this could do. Although it does increase sales and income tax, I think there's more and more people are saying that's one fair way, sales and income, you have to make it before you spend it. I think there's a lot of entities in here, agriculture, that I'm going to refer to that a few years ago we had some years that we didn't make enough money to pay our property tax. Income and sales tax, a basic part of that is that you have to make it before you spend it. Some of the figures that I think Senator Chambers was remarking about, maybe the income tax is too high