

not an easy issue under any circumstances. And when you have your back to the wall, as we do right now, to deal with the issues, I think that you clearly have to address them. There is a point in time where you can't just say what's the rush? I mean what's the rush is, is that we're looking at 1991 changes and we're looking at May 15. You have to address them sooner or later. This isn't the last stage, this isn't Final Reading, this is just the beginning. I would urge adoption of the amendment. If there are others who wish to speak, the motion to advance the bill is debatable as well. Right now I just hope we can adopt this amendment, make it become LB 829. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Hall's closing. We will now vote on the amendment by Senator Hall. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hall's and Will's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. We are now on the advancement of LB 829. The speaker is Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak to the advancement?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, and I'd have a few questions that perhaps Senator Hall would respond.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR LAMB: I would admit that I'm a bit uneasy about advancing the bill with so many unanswered questions. I'm very uneasy, but that seems to be what is happening. I understand that you're committed to make the changes in the bill on Select File, but I'm not quite clear on what some of those changes might be. For instance, would you be amenable to reducing the 2 percent surcharge on depreciation which is currently in the bill?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lamb, the bill, as was originally brought in, had a depreciation surcharge of 1.75 that I think virtually everyone pretty much signed off on. It was, if I remember right, your amendment that increased it to 2 percent. Prior to that I had an amendment that reduced it from 1.75 to 1.6.