

look at the groups that have caused this current property tax crisis in the state and I think we should cast aside the rather foolish discussion of moving into new ways of taxing the people of this state. Let's look at the people that have caused this problem. The people that have caused this problem are the ones we should be focusing in on instead of finding new and innovative ways to tax the public because that's all this proposal is. It's all it ever has been the last nine, ten years. It comes around, they want to expand the base. In years past they used to talk about, well, let's expand the sales...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...tax on services and then we'll reduce the sales tax rates, and it just will never happen, it never does happen, and as far as I'm concerned, this particular proposal is something that should not be considered. It's my opinion that if we adopt this particular bill it's controversial as it is, and if you add this onto it, it will be the anchor that will help to sink the ship. So maybe that's what some of the members in this body want, but I think that's what's eventually going to happen. There's a number of realistic approaches dealing with depreciation that I think will raise the necessary revenue. There is a number of approaches that are going to follow this amendment that will raise the revenue. Let's not take on a rather difficult fight.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Wehrbein, you're next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate does not cease. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Hall, some questions.