

for selecting out these five? I don't think we've thought this out. I don't think...and, like I said, I don't think we've thought this out because I don't think we've had the time. I don't think we've had the public input. If this had come up this morning and it hadn't been tax on services and people...we hadn't been involved in a property tax crisis, people would be going nuts to make this major policy decision at Select File. We've got to put things into perspective and that's what I'm asking that we do. I'm going to oppose the amendment and I know that most of the good guys, I guess, are going to support it but I think it's a major decision to do this to the public because I'm not going to pay it. My clients will pay it. It's a major change for the public without the public ever having had an opportunity to be heard. I'll oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, I rise in support of the amendment and I would like to first preface my remarks by saying I need to apologize to Senator Warner. When you look at the handout that I handed out on the explanation, down at the bottom it has item number four, and, Jerry, that wasn't supposed to be on here where it has the disadvantages of the employer occupation tax. I need to apologize for that, I really do. I'm sorry about that. That was...we were talking about things in the shop and it got printed on there and anyway, egg on my face. I'm getting a little leery of my own proposals since so many people like it, but after Senator Lindsay opposed it, I figured it can't be all bad. You know, what's the difference it's a major policy change? What's the difference between filing a lawsuit to bring down the entire property tax system in the state? Major policy issue. What about the Supreme Court handing this decision saying our personal property tax system after two months in the Legislature is unconstitutional after they held it for a year? Major policy decision? You bet. What about the Governor bringing us in a fifth proposal? You know, he offers tax plans like he wins elections, in the eleventh hour. Maybe this is a proposal, ladies and gentlemen, that hopefully brings us into some kind of position where we can deal with the problem, where we can deal with the problem that isn't going to go away. Doesn't affect us at the state level. We can just walk away, go back to one of the two options I laid out. You can address it or you can ignore it, and if you don't address it in some fashion, maybe it doesn't have to be this amendment. Maybe it