

doesn't have to, but I haven't heard any real good reasons why. Vague language? Go read the language. With the blizzard of paper on your desk, I didn't print the 60-page amendment. I apologize for that. The issue has been around. I've only been here seven short years, but I've carried the bill at least twice, offered it on the floor probably another five times and I know it has been introduced every year that I've been here except for one. The issue of sales tax on services is not new and different. Public input to it has always been there. Sure, people who don't have to pay it now don't want to. Attorneys, architects, they don't want to collect it. It's not an issue. They know they're not going to pay it unless they have those same services provided for themselves, and in all cases they do. They don't want to collect it. They don't want to collect it for the state and remit it. They don't want to collect it for the city and remit it. That's all it amounts to. There is no difference between the sale of a tangible good and the sale of a service that provides in many cases a much greater value, a much greater value, and in almost all cases, a value when you list these five, that you cannot get anywhere else. I can't become a printer overnight to print my own brochure. I can't become an attorney overnight, provide my own legal services. I can't...oh, I clearly can't become an engineer or an architect, you know. Christmas Day is my biggest fear when I have to put those toys together, but you know you look at these things and you say, well, what good reason is there not to have a sales tax on them? It's a transfer of a not so tangible, a not so tangible service. It's no different than a...buying a phone. You need that phone to talk to people. I need that accountant to make sure my books are appropriate. I need that attorney to make sure I'm within the confines of the law. And if I have to pay a sales tax on that, so be it. But I don't need that attorney until I get into a situation where I have to "se them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: Same thing with the accountant, same thing with the architect, same thing with the printing. They're not mandatory in any regard and, frankly, the fact of the matter is, a bulk of this increase from the sales tax that would be imposed will be paid by business, business and industry. That's who is going to pick up a lot of this tab. Yeah, the individuals are going to pay their fair share when they need to utilize those services. The fact of the matter is, you're going to do away with an exemption that is no longer justified. It's a very