

small sales tax on services here to those people that aren't going to kick and scream too loud, except the lawyers that are on the floor I guess, or some of them, but we're going to put it on a few people. And as I heard earlier on the floor away from the microphones, the climate is right for doing this, meaning people are frustrated because we can't find somewhere to get the money, meaning it hasn't been publicized enough to get the lobby fired up. But you think about that, and what we really are trying to be, if we're going to be honest with ourselves, we're trying to sneak this in before the opposition is too big. And if we want to be honest with the policy decision, it simply should not be on these five services. Let's expand it to those other services that Senator Lamb mentioned and, Senator Lamb, I'm going to give you that opportunity to expand it a little quicker than you might think. It's not going to be next year, it's going to be as soon as my amendment gets up there because if we're going to be consistent, if we're...we've heard all these glowing remarks about services, let's do it. Think of the money we can get from all those other industries. If we want to do it, let's only exempt those industries that might have a legitimate policy reason for having exemption. Exempt the medical profession, but other than that, what are the other policy reasons for taking out, as Senator Lamb says, hair cutting. What is the policy reason for taking out automobile repair or veterinary services or all these other types of services? I'm asking you at this point, I guess, to, if you intend to vote for this amendment, that's fine, but I'm asking you when I put up my amendment later, please be consistent. Let's tax services, let's not pick out a few that we can nail right now, but let's be consistent and bring in all those services and I will be offering that. With that I'll give the balance of my time to Senator Abboud.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Senator Lindsay, a couple remarks and then we can move on to some other speakers. Let's look and focus on what this money is going to be used for. Last year we had a rather extensive debate on property taxes in the form of LB 1059 in which we increased the sales tax by a cent and we increased the income tax and at that time we told the people that their property taxes would be reduced. And in some school districts, not all, but in most, property taxes did not go up. Some went down. A lot of them went down. In some areas like in my district, Ralston School District actually went up, but that