

just go crazy, but the bottom line is every one of us in the last six weeks have sat and said to ourselves, we've given too many exemptions already and now what we want to do with the sales tax on services, let's give a bunch of exemptions. And I don't know, guess maybe we're just going to have to learn to do it again. Senator Dierks, if there is any time left, you may have it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: A minute and a half.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam Chairman and Senator Kristensen, Senator Lamb, I just wanted to say very simply that I'm in opposition to this amendment. I don't believe that we can select out this group of people and be equitable with this sort of an amendment. I understand the frustrations people have. I understand the need to accomplish something. This is not the way to do it. I speak from conversations with a number of groups of people including veterinarians, yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: Also including medical doctors. There is a consternation out there about the use of a tax on services. I agree that, with Senator Kristensen especially, that we've come too fast and too far with this thing and we need to pull in our horns, think about it and be a little bit more sure of our ground, understand what we're doing and I don't think we really do that. I just cannot support this amendment and I hope that you won't either. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President and members, I'm beginning to like this proposal better and better the longer I listen to it, but I think you should all realize that the bottom line is all these added taxes will come back to you and me as a consumer so let's don't fool ourselves on that. You know, if the body would adopt Senator Schmit's and my amendment, it would solve a whole lot of these problems. They keep telling me, well, you're 10 years ahead of your time, but I think the more and more you listen to this, that maybe our idea wasn't all that bad. You know, I think maybe it's because it's so simple. The sales and income tax, if you make it, you pay it and maybe that's the reason because it is so simple that why we only got 16 votes. I talked to Senator Schmit a little bit ago and I said, why don't