

that have gotten 25 votes. They just got 25 votes. They might...the 25 votes might not hold. But I think to say that we are going to enact a comprehensive sales tax on services at this time is dead wrong. I don't...I would agree that...with the arguments that were made against the original Hall amendment as far as that goes. This is not the time to be implementing a comprehensive sales tax on services and taking a look at all the revenue that it's going to raise because we're here to address the specific problem and that is the revenue lost to local subdivisions that comes from the personal property being exempted. Now if this isn't the approach we want to take, if we don't want to take the approach of taxing these specific services and if we come back here and take that off at some point, which I think it may...it's a good possibility that we probably will, at that point...the original LB 829 is looking better and better for me as a one-year solution. Let's put all the property back on for one year. People can handle that for one year. Then let's come back and that will definitely be an incentive for people to bargain in good faith. Let's come back then next session with some recommendations from the 3-R Committee and at that point maybe we'll have a better handle on what we want to do for a permanent solution. But, at this point, I would urge your rejection of the Abboud amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBODD: Madam President, I would like to withdraw the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, if there are no objections, it's so ordered. Mr. Clerk, are there further motions on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further on the Hall amendment as amended.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. I will now recognize senators who wish to speak to the Hall amendment. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, I spoke a few moments ago with a lot of conviction, a lot of excitement about what we're doing. Some of that excitement...none of the conviction but some of the excitement is gone because we're at the point where we have the potential tonight of putting LB 829 in the kind of shape that will get us through one year. We have