

like to solve. This is a real, live crisis, a billion dollars, over a billion dollars that is at risk and we keep dancing around under, well, I never have supported, well, I'm not sure I like, well, it's not part of what I had in mind. We've got to do something. This is what's before us. If this doesn't go, I predict nothing will.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. It's important to remember where we are in our process because it's very, very confusing. LB 829, by Senator Will, has been amended and there are some provisions in it that we need and we have to have. They include the provision that Senator Warner had on the sunset. They include the provision on the refunds to the sub...political subdivisions. They include the repeal of the personal property tax system which is in the underlying bill. We also have the lid proposal which is in the underlying bill and the refund statutes which have to be changed. Those are all in 829, plus the Lamb amendment which, as you recall, brought us to a screeching halt on General File and we adopted...we advanced the bill with the Lamb amendment on it. The amendment by Senator Hall is the replacement revenue package from that package of revenue that we agreed was a real conflict on General File. It was, for example, the repair parts which is a fuzzy number because we wouldn't really collect it. It was the telephone access charge money. It was the depreciation surcharge. What is critical, in my estimation, for us to do is this. Whether or not you happen to like the revenue package that we just adopted, it does represent our latest thinking and it's important to whether you're a proponent or opponent, move it into 829 so that all the pieces are in one pile. Then, to the extent that you don't like revenue pieces, you may amend that package of ideas with your favorite revenue concept, whether it's the Governor's package which is basically just the revenue ideas and that's up there, whether it's several of the other packages that are out there, all just the revenue idea. What you have to do then is to collapse these two targets into one. You need to move the Hall amendment into the bill and then make the revenue portion of the bill the target for all the rest of our work. Pull out all those amendments that are sitting around here to make points and to gouge our favorite neighbors and pals and get to the serious business of taking the three or four real proposals that are out there, aiming them at 829 and seeing who has 25 votes and who doesn't. What you may think is