

Senator Hefner, in the rush to get in the last option on the piece, would withdraw his amendment, let's debate that big question, get to it and then refine it once we know whether it has the guns to pass or not.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. The next speaker is Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I don't know if Senator Hefner wants a minute of my time or not. If he is positively responding to Senator Landis's suggestion, I would give it to him. If not, I will proceed. Okay. I oppose Senator Hefner's amendment basically for the reasons Senator Landis elaborated right on his speech. I think we need to get the basic 25 and then start doing the changing, I agree. I have the same problem Senator Hefner has. It's one of the few times he and I probably have agreed in three years but I have the problem of the big versus the small, the problem being that \$100,000 cap wouldn't be reached unless you had a \$2 million energy bill. So, I know that's pretty big and I think as you work your way up there that itself defines big and small as your energy bill although some are more intensive than others, you're right, Senator. But I will support the bill. I will not support the amendment and I think we should support the bill. Although I have some problems, the hospital caused me some problems and somebody called me and didn't like it so I thought, well, I better not support it, I will go to the sales tax on services. But somebody called me on that and they didn't like that either so I guess I will go back to income and sales. And then somebody called me on that, so I don't know what to do. Somebody has called me and didn't like everything we have done. So I guess we don't do anything or we do this one. And the question of everything is...that everything is passed along is true, we know it is, so how do you do it? I guess the answer is to hide it as best we can so the people can't...don't understand we're passing it along to them, taxing them in a way that they don't quite grasp it as easily as they do when you raise the income or sales, I don't know. But I think this accomplishes some...Senator Hall's amendment accomplishes, to some extent, the goals we set out to achieve. Yes, indeed, it all will be passed along in some way or another. But it does hit some folks that were benefiting the most from the other option, from putting everything back on the tax rolls. So I would say let's support this without Senator Hefner's amendment. Then if Senator Hefner wants to run it again, maybe we can change that.