

virtually the identical language and intent of the proposal as offered by Speaker Baack on behalf of the Governor. The issue has been, I think, well discussed by a number of members of the body, and it is my understanding there are additional amendments to follow that will be offered to the proposal as a whole once the committee amendments become the LR. With that, I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You have heard Senator Hall's closing on the committee amendments. We will now vote. All in favor vote aye, all opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator...or on the committee amendments, excuse me.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The committee amendments are adopted. We will now go back to the bill. Any other amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the resolution is offered by Senator Lynch. Senator, I have your AM2161.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah, Mr. President and members, I have sat, like most of us, or stood and listened to the debate so far, and I know that we have to do something. And I feel responsible for that because I was one of the four senators that filed the suit. Some of you have to realize that some of us have lived in our own home and paid taxes and maybe had a small business and never got any breaks or exemptions at all. Almost everything we've talked about so far hasn't addressed those kinds of people much at all. I can't help but think that maybe sometimes we might be forced to support this resolution, or this constitutional amendment because we don't want to risk changing the status quo. The status quo is what got us into trouble in the first place. The Constitution now provides that motor vehicles tax is a separate class; ag land, separate class; may exempt property owned by agricultural or horticultural societies or used for educational, religious, charitable, or cemetery purposes; household goods may be exempt; you may exempt the increased value to real estate for energy conservation improvements. There is a whole litany of things that include homestead