

We have gotten into trouble, this mess that we're in, through the granting of exemptions. I think what Senator Lindsay is suggesting to us is that if we are to take that action of granting further exemptions, that those ought to be by a two-thirds vote. It ought to be treated as an extraordinary circumstance and not just a simple circumstance that we're involved in. It should be one that we have to give additional thought to, additional work for, not to be made at all impossible as you well know. Thirty votes is not impossible in here by any stretch of the imagination, but it should be something that we give more consideration to than a simple passage of a statute or passage of a resolution or other things for which we have the 25 vote responsibility. So commend Senator Lindsay for thinking of this idea. I think it's another thing that makes the amendment stronger, that we're not granting blanket authority for the Legislature to do willy-nilly, whatever it cares to do, that this coupled with Senator Warner's amendment I think will make a much stronger amendment and I would urge your adoption.

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

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, would Senator Lindsay respond to a question or two?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lindsay, so that I understand this, the proposal would be that it would take three-fifths of the members to allow an exemption. Is that correct?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. But if we want to remove an exemption it would only take 25 votes?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'll have to look at the amendment. I would guess that's the case, I don't know.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. I think that's the way I read it and I'm just curious. Would that mean then that, and I'm guessing on Final Reading, a Final Reading vote?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.