

the Constitution is really full of those sorts of checks and balances. In other words, what one group may do to gain an advantage, there might be some check if the majority seems to be rolling in one direction, there might be some check to that by a minority or at least some mechanisms to slow it down and look at it. The mechanism that Senator Warner has now put in provides that check. In other words you're going to have an automatic wipe the slate clean. Had you not had that, probably the Will, Withem and Lindsay amendment might be a very appropriate thing to put in and probably have that come first before the Warner amendment, I might well have voted for that because that would have been a check to place into the Constitution. However, now with the protection in the check of the Warner, I think that you might well put this back and tip the balance the other direction. If you are one who, as I have, have spoke about how bad the personal property tax system is, period, for a wide variety of reasons, I think what this amendment does is guarantee or at least, I shouldn't say guarantee, that's not a fair comment, it puts a much heavier burden onto that system that you're going to have everything back on the property tax rolls at some point in time. And so if you are one who does not believe in the personal property tax system, I don't think this is an amendment that you probably should support or like. If you believe that you should put everything back on the tax rolls, then I think this is probably a legitimate amendment for you to vote for if you feel that strongly about it. If you feel that the Legislature should have the opportunity to make the decision at the time and are one in the middle, then I think that the majority of the Legislature at the time ought to control it because the check is there. Every 10 years you wipe the slate clean, and that is the protection that you have. And so I think that that's how if... somewhere you've got to fall within those three choices and at least from my point of view, I think the Warner amendment that has been attached is the check that is sufficient to do that protection and I think you do. I think Senator Lindsay is right. I think you do have to go to the people and say, look, there is some check on the lack of uniformity and we're going to wipe that slate clean because these are all going to occur at the same time. With that, I would oppose the Lindsay, Will and Withem amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. Speaker and members, I also rise to vigorously oppose this amendment. It just intrinsically is