

amendments and individuals opposing exemptions being lifted, whether they be sales tax exemptions, or personal property tax exemptions, and I thought that that will be an exercise in frustration at best, and futility most likely. But it's an exercise that needs to take place. The question on LR 186, as far as what to do, I don't know that any of us can look at it from any point other than our own, and how we feel the system will work, if we don't advance it. Clearly, the question of the entire real property tax base is up for grabs. It's out there, the question looms very heavy over all of us as well as the subdivisions of government. I think, if you don't consider LR 186 very seriously, that you can very likely look at dealing with the issue of not just the personal property tax base, not just the problems of exemptions, but the whole property tax base as it relates to subdivisions of government and the funding there of. I do not believe that that is a red herring that is being waved by anyone. I think that is a legitimate argument, the courts have made it so. Some of our own members have raised the question as to whether or not we deal with our taxpayers fairly and uniformly. I would argue that we don't, and we need to correct that. One way to correct that would be to vote no on LR 186, I guess, and have the entire house of cards come tumbling down. I don't know that that is responsible, that's a responsible way to deal with it. I think it would be more responsible for the Legislature to approach it much the way the 3-R Committee is lined up to do that, look at not only constitutional changes, but statutory changes as they relate to the tax code. I would hope that there would be enough votes to support LR 186, not only to Final Reading, but when it comes up on Final Reading. But it is a very difficult question that I know I have to ask myself whether or not it's the way to go. But I think at this point in time it is the only responsible...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...thing to do in terms of looking at the potential fallout from loss of the entire property tax base. I would urge advancement to E & R.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, unfortunately in the last hours there's been just a slight little bit of discord on LR 186. I think that's unfortunate. I think probably the most unfortunate thing about it, in my opinion, is that the