

it. You know I don't know what the answer is. I'm beginning to think that LR 186 is not the answer either. I think what Senator Chambers said, we'd be better off doing this in a special session when the only thing in front of us is the tax issue, and every time a tax issue comes up we don't have somebody come around, throwing another map under our face, or talking about the lottery amendment, or talking about the sine die party, or the other sort of things that come out. Maybe the thing to do is to do this in a special session, do the whole thing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: At this point I am not going to vote to advance LR 186. I'm persuadable that maybe it's the only thing that can be done. But I am not going to vote to advance it today.

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

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, I was present, but I did not vote for the advancement of 186, the last time around. It got 39 votes. I have terrible problems with this whole issue. I am one of the four senators that filed suit suggesting that we should change our system of taxation in the state. I'm not going to look around the room and point to people that have so many times, as we talked about changing the rules, talk about how we have to have good policy, and how we have to have integrity, and how we have to make it tough to do things like, for example, suspend the rules, a special notion, saying we need 30 votes because that shouldn't be an easy thing to do. Been here and I've heard people say we've got to make it tough when we want to change the speaker's order, because that's not the right thing to do, so we demand 30 votes. If you want to get a bill introduced out of committee that's been killed in committee, it takes 30 votes, a simple thing like that. Could be a bill on which side of your face you blow your nose on, it doesn't make any difference, but you need 30 votes to do it. On reconsideration, on Final Reading, you need 30 votes. Failed on Final Reading with the emergency clause, you need 33 votes. Place a bill on General File after...et cetera. To adopt a bill with the emergency clause you need 33 votes, to override a Governor's veto you need 33. We've talked in terms of super majorities here, and to be completely frank the integrity of the body, at this point in time, because you failed to support the Lindsay amendment, I think, is in question. At this point in