

think we ought to oppose this amendment and and keep Senator Hall's amendment on the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hall, followed by Senators Lynch and Nelson. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman and members, I just thought I would rise to react to my good friend Senator Schmit's statement that hundreds of people in this district have told them how they want a sales and an income tax and I just want to say that not even one in my district said they wanted an increase in the sales or income tax. You get quite a few calls on the weekends and, in fact, during the day, none of them had suggested that that would be an acceptable alternative. So I simply want to alert you to what people in my district think, at least, and tell you that I would also, because of that, suggest we support the Hall amendment.

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

SENATOR HALL: Again, Madam President, I rise in opposition to the Moore amendment. The funding package in the proposal is not perfect but find me a tax plan that everyone can agree on and we'll make you king for a day, I guess. I don't know that there is any proposal out there that is going to be more roundly received than the one that's currently in LB 829 as it exists. I would urge you not to tinker with it. It's had plenty of time to be tinkered with. At this point, to come in with a complete different funding mechanism for the proposal, I would argue, is ill-advised because I would think that the entire package would tend to fall apart at that point. And as much as I've gotten very fond of this bill, that has nothing to do with it. It is clearly an issue of are we going to deal with it on a one-time funding basis, one-time funding proposal to the local subdivisions to deal with the personal property tax problem. If we are, what's in LB 829 is I think fair to all involved. If you go the route of returning the bill to Select File for Senator Moore's amendment, then it's Katy bar the door at that point. The whole thing opens back up again and I...you know, that's fine if that's the will of the body to deal with this because we'll be here a while. I would urge you to reject Senator Moore's amendment. It, I think, is a little late in the day.

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