

i'm not wild about the depreciation in surcharge a bit, I know there's a little amendment floating around that's going to raise the depreciation surcharge to 2.3 and that still leaves you with the same cash flow problem because that's what gets you into trouble, takes you three years to collect that. And so, given the variety of alternatives we looked at, we still come back to income. I think you put some progressivity back into the income tax system in the State of Nebraska. A lot of people don't like that. If this, indeed, becomes permanent, we'll have to deal with that but at least for the short term you collect the money from all citizens of Nebraska, one, to protect our real estate base for the time being; two, to generate sufficient money to reimburse the locals; three, to generate sufficient money that we can pass the budget intact this session without having to make some additional cuts the following two days. And so it's just your choice. If this amendment fails, then maybe we need to look at the pro-rata amendment and then just pass it off on property taxes. That's what I think in the end what's going to happen. So I...I know Senator Hall is not making a threat, he's making a promise because he does not like this, I understand that, but if you don't do it now, I'm going to eventually do it later on at a special session or later on as soon as Wednesday when we battle over what can and what cannot fit into our state budget. So, with that, I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. We will now vote on the Moore amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. The motion is to return to Select File. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We have a request for a record vote. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 2783-84 of the Legislative Journal.) 10 ayes, 20 nays on the motion to return, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. Are there further motions, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hall would move to return the bill for a specific amendment. (The Hall amendment, AM2266, appears on pages 2784-86 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hall.