

that addressed the not-for-profits and we were going to attach the...hit the not-for-profits for \$150.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Uh-huh.

SENATOR HALL: Well, with the amendment that we adopted earlier this afternoon that we started on this morning, we changed that, took out the minimum corporate income tax for all corporate filers and put in instead an occupation tax that dealt with only companies that file in the 1992 year. Not-for-profits only have to file every other year. They file in odd number years so they wouldn't be hit by this. We just took and shifted it to a different area. The occupation tax is currently \$10, it will go to 160. The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that the 150 increase is in addition to the current \$10. That's all we do in this amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Hall. I'm sorry I was off the floor some of the time this morning. Can you give me the rationale other than the fact that most people do not realize what is happening and that they won't recognize the increase in the tax until it hits them as to why we go from \$10 to \$160 on the occupation tax?

SENATOR HALL: The only...there's only two rationales. One is that it impacts virtually every business that's not filed as a not-for-profit, and, secondly, that it raises revenue.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Hall. Your honesty is refreshing if not reassuring. But, in any case, as you have already pointed out, the damage has substantially been done and we are on our way on this road and I'm not a good enough mathematician but I would guess that Senator Moore or members of the Appropriation Committee can tell me what percentage that is, but it's mighty big numbers for a percentage increase. And if the usually alert and visually impressed report it in the manner in which it really comes about, I would guess there will be a flurry of mail on that but it may come too late. You may survive it anyway. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, Senator Hall, I appreciate your explanation to Senator Schmit on the nonprofits because that's what I was going to ask