

problem and we're only going to pay out in this biennium what comes out...comes in in this biennium, this amendment would give the body some additional flexibility in making our books balance. So, with that, I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. .

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. The speaking order is Senator Hall, followed by Senator Schmit, Kristensen and Wesely. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of Senator Moore's amendment. I don't know that it hurts the bill or helps the bill. It's like one of those famous amendments Senator Schmit always talks about, does nothing, doesn't affect anybody but it does give Senator Moore peace of mind and allows him to keep the icing on his budgetary cake. For that purpose, I have no problem with the proposal, would urge adoption after we return the bill. I clearly, from day one, have said that one of the options was that we had to ask ourselves if we wanted to reimburse completely the subdivisions in terms of the dollar figure. I think we're very, very close to being there. Senator Moore's amendment is prudent in that it guarantees that if we're off a couple million dollars that that will have to be picked up at the local level. The state won't be expected to come in and reimburse that as well. I would urge the body to return the bill to Select File to adopt the amendment.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President...Madam President, I also join in support of the Moore amendment and I think it does mean slightly more perhaps than Senator Hall wants us to believe that it means because it certainly means that departments do not need to engage in all sorts of sleight of hand to show for increase of revenue when it isn't there. And, on the other hand, Senator Moore, they might very well say, well, we just don't have the money and, therefore, haven't collected it and, therefore, we're not going to send it out. And it does provide for some flexibility. I just want to call your attention, I'm not going to read the names, and it is kind of an interesting review if you read the vote on the Hall amendment, to note the people who have voted for perhaps the most regressive tax we have ever passed because I want to note that the ConAgras will pay \$150 or \$160 and the Schmit Farms Corporation, somewhat smaller in size, will also pay \$160 for the occupation tax. That may be the wave