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LB 829  
LR 186

LR 186 up or down on the reconsideration motion and I'm going to file the reconsideration motion and I'm going to vote for the reconsideration motion, but I'm not going to vote for the LR under any circumstances because I don't believe it's in a proper place. I don't believe it's the proper time. I don't believe that we have all the information in front of us to deal with this subject. We've addressed the short-term problem that LB 829 helped set aside the revenue for the local subdivisions. We are now looking really at a long-term solution. Anyone who says that this is a short-term solution is not being honest with the situation we have before us. We're talking, ladies and gentlemen, about amendments to the Constitution. We're not changing wallpaper, we're not changing tee-shirts, we're talking about amendments to the Constitution. Those need to be taken seriously. This amendment I think has been dealt with on a serious level, but I don't think we have incorporated into this amendment all the issues that ultimately are affected by it and that's our entire tax code. Until we address that whole issue, I don't believe it makes any sense to put a constitutional amendment before the voters.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: I believe that this proposal will have very tough sledding at the polls in a special election. You all know that traditionally at a special election, individuals who are the most interested in an issue on one side or the other go to the polls. Those will be the people that will address this. They will be well informed on either side. Without the Lindsay amendment I believe that the chances of the passage of the proposal are very slim, very slim, especially when you're talking about an August special election. This proposal needs to be part of what is ultimately voted on by this body so that it has a fair chance not only here, but at the polls as well. I would urge you to return the proposal, adopt Senator Lindsay's amendment. It is a fair amendment that ensures a very small amount of...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...guarantee to the homeowners that at least there is more than the normal threshold that has to be achieved for additional or continued exemptions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Warner.