

got to explain my jokes...This amendment to LR 186 I think is vitally important. I think we've seen that it causes dissension within this body and a great deal of it. I think Senator Hall has raised very valid points when he says we're talking about very well informed voters that go to a special election in the hottest month of the year at the peak of vacation time. We're not talking about people who are going to be doing it off the cuff. We're talking about people that will know the issue and I think you have to look at that and see, are these people going to be comfortable with turning over unlimited power to tax or exempt personal property to this Legislature with 25 votes? I don't think so. Senator Warner suggested that there is no rational policy or no rational reason for this policy on tangible personal property to exempt. I suggest there is no rational reason to exempt personal property at all. The Constitution says what the Constitution says in our first, all tangible property shall be uniformly and proportionately taxed. I don't see any...if we're going to reduce that policy, we ought to come up with one that provides protections. The rational policy is protection of the people that are likely to get hurt. I don't see...I think there is a very rational policy there and that is the underlying concept. I'm going to urge...I'm not going to berate this anymore, I'm going to urge the adoption of the amendment. I'm going to give whatever time I have remaining to Senator Will. When we called the question he wanted to have a few remarks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will, you have about three minutes.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I, too, would urge your adoption of this amendment. I think that a...I want to emphasize how modest this proposal is. Thirty votes is not very many as Senator Lindsay and other speakers have pointed out. Moreover, this deals only with exemptions of tangible personal property. It's a very narrow delineation of exemptions that would require 30 votes. Doesn't talk about the sales tax, doesn't talk about real property, doesn't talk about homestead, this is simply this one category of personal property that we are talking about requiring 30 votes. Senator Warner brings up an intriguing idea of expanding the scope of what would require 30 votes to all revenue and appropriations issues. That's something we may want to talk about down the line, but I think for the purposes of LR 186 and the personal property tax debate that we have worked through this session, the amendment that Senator Lindsay has