

reform. For at least 20 years we've been trying to do something about it. I think we're hardly rushing into this arena. It's something that is long overdue rather than something that we're jumping the gun on. Let's look at what the bill does and make clear on that. The bill would allow you to raise the amount that was discussed on a bipartisan task force and that amount would be allowed tax free. Above that amount is where the tax kicks in. I still go back to the issue that I talked about referring to Senator Robinson's Dairy Queen owner that he refers to so often on the minimum wage question that...

SENATOR ROBINSON: He went out of business.

SENATOR LINDSAY: (Laugh)..that those types of businesses that make less than we spend on a legislative campaign and none of us have to support our families from our campaign accounts. We talk about businesses that make on...if you look at the gubernatorial race, a million dollar limit before a tax kicks in. How many businesses in this state would love to have a million dollars of tax-free income? And yet we do it here. The politicians are entitled to get away with it without paying tax. I think it's difficult, it's difficult for us to go back to our districts and say, hey, had to raise your income tax this year, had to adjust that sales tax up a little bit, I know you're paying a little more property tax, but at least I don't have to pay tax. That's a little difficult to take back to our people. It's time we look internally. There is an abuse. If we can't limit the campaign funds, if we can't limit how much is raised, let's at least do what every other citizen in the state has to do, and that's pay taxes. I urge that this amendment be advanced. As I mentioned, if there's fine tuning, I expect it. I expect that we have to do and I don't have any problem doing that, but I'd urge that we get it advanced and let's show the people that we're really serious about it, that we're not going to just give it lip service, that we intend to make some changes to an abuse that's been going on for years and years and, rather than getting better at any time, has simply gotten worse.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 529. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 529.