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my name from the bill. I'll allow the introducers of 1063 to sign on and I'll debate the issues of the proposal. I will not trash the proposal. I will not attempt to delay it in any way, shape or form. The proposal right now, the issue before us right now is the passage of a constitutional amendment that gets it on the May ballot. That is critical. It's critical to all of us. And then, secondarily, is an issue with regard to secondarily, but intricately, woven in that issue is how do we deal with personal property into the future? What do we let the voters see as they go to the polls and try to make up their mind on how to vote for that constitutional amendment? I could tell you right now, no matter what form the legislation takes, I'm going to go out on the stomp and work to see that the constitutional amendment passes. It doesn't matter to me which form advances, which is passed and which is signed by the Governor. One or the other has to be passed by this body, one or the other has to be signed. We need to begin that process. I'm going to fight, based on tax principles, what I think is the right tax proposal for us to take, what stand we ought to bear with in terms of the constitutional...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...amendment, but I am not about to delay any proposal. I am not about to hamper the debate in this body with regard to what the majority will will. With that, Madam President, I would urge that the folks debate this amendment. I'm going to vote no. I'm going to vote no on the amendment because I believe the proposal with regard to 1120 is the right way to go, but I think the chips need to fall where they will. We have to get a vote. find out where people are. We need to focus this debate instead of being all over the board. All you have to do is look at the amendments that are up there. Again, time is of the essence I have been told and I agree with that. Time is of the essence not only for a proposal like this, but especially for the constitutional amendment which comes next.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Before we begin debate, I'd like to call the senators' attention to the north balcony. Special guests today of Senator Warner are 20 to 25 students from Waverly Middle School in Waverly and their teachers. Would you please rise and be welcomed to the Chamber this morning. Thank you. I'll now recognize the senators in the following order: Senator Hefner, Moore, Withem, Warner, Landis, Robak, Lamb, Morrissey and Will. Senator Hefner.