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Senator Johnson, who is waiting for a proposal that makes sense. I haven't heard it yet and I'm not sure which one is the right proposal and I think the jury is still out for me and we haven't heard, or I haven't heard the arguments on LB 1063. I've heard from the lobby, but I think it's important that we sit back and reflect on these various arguments, decide what is best for the state and the whole state, the urban and rural interests together. And I guess I'm one of those senators that has yet to make up his mind and I know for sure that I'm not going to make up my mind based on what someone may speculate about the voters are going to do because I think that's the same sort of argument we had on 775. We're going to vote for 775 because some companies may leave or not leave. Maybe in that example we had a finite number of businesses that we could talk to and we don't have that luxury when we're dealing with the voters. But I don't know what I'm going to do on this issue. I'm going to try to keep an open mind and listen to all of the arguments and make up my mind when the proper time is to make up my mind. But as far as the Johnson amendment is concerned, I think it's just adding a tax that's already too high and if we're going to deal with sales tax I think it's time to expand the sales tax base so that the taxpayers across the state are paying not only a fair tax, but a lower tax and the only way to do that is to expand the base rather than to keep the base the way it is and raise the tax. So for that reason I'm going to not vote for it, but I think Senator Johnson is raising a good issue and we'll have to listen to more of the arguments and see where we're at. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam Chairman, I move that the Legislature adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Monday.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Your Committee on Transportation reports LB 1092 to General File with amendments; LB 1181 to General File with amendments, signed by Senator Kristensen. Health and Human Services Committee reports LB 1282 to General File with committee amendments attached. That's signed by Senator Wesely. (See pages 947-48 of the Legislative Journal.)

A confirmation report from Health and Human Services Committee.