

that as of nine o'clock this morning this was not an amendment before the body. It is on a yellow sheet of paper, has not been distributed, although Senator Coordsen has accurately described what the amendment would do to the bill. We have had no opportunity to assess the impacts of the bill. Perhaps it offers a slight change in how a particular small portion of the property tax base would be dealt with and perhaps there is no problem. Perhaps it is what we have all lovingly begun to call in here, perhaps it is a Conway amendment. Senator Conway has an excellent ability to understand these measures and to offer amendments that sound good on first blush, and then we read about them in the newspapers the next day of what it is we have done. On a bill this technical and this involved with one of the most technical aspects of the bill, I am not going to vote to support it at this time. I am open. I am willing to learn more about what striking the word "increased" and inserting the word "decreased" does to the bill. I would urge you to, if you are supportive of the bill and you are not aware of what the full impacts and ramifications of this amendment are, as I am not, that you vote no now. One of the values of a Unicameral in which we have General File, Select File, and Final Reading was, Senator Wesely would like us to say First Reading, Second Reading, and Third Reading, is that we have opportunities to introduce ideas for consideration. We don't have to buy into them during our first stage of consideration. There is an opportunity for later exploration. Let's...you know, I would hope Senator Coordsen would have considered he has put us on notice that this is a change he thinks is valuable. We have a little bit of discussion here. I'd suggest perhaps he withdraws this amendment, gives us an opportunity to get a fiscal impact statement so that we know exactly what it does, get an opportunity for briefings by Senator Coordsen, people in the Department of Revenue, so we really understand what it does. At this point, I am not...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...willing to on...trying to think of a sensitive sort of analogy to use here that won't offend different categories of people. I was going to say buy a pig in a poke, but I don't want Senator Rogers to get upset. I was trying to think...trying to think of other sorts of things to comment on, so I will go ahead and use that if he agrees. I am not prepared to buy this pig in a poke at this time, not knowing what it does. So I am going to vote no on it at this time.