

are tangible, both, both, both. That's the word they use. They said both are tangible property. In other words you have a class of real property that's tangible, you pick up the dirt, yeah, that's tangible. And you've got a class of real property that's tangible, you pick up the item, the coffee cup and that's tangible as well. They never answered the question on whether or not you can exempt it all and I firmly believe that you can because then you are treating that class of property uniform and proportionate. But what this amendment does is say that, fine, let's not take uniformity away from real estate. Let's leave it there. But let's treat personal property differently and absolutely. My motive has been clear from day one. I want to exempt it all. I have no hidden agenda here. If it's not clear by now, God, I shouldn't be offering more amendments or talking more, I mean, I have tried to state very clearly...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...where I'm coming from on this issue, that personal property can be exempt, that personal property should be exempt, that it is a poor tax base, that no one else taxes personal property in the country under a net book value approach. No one else has gone in and exempted for tax purposes their uniformity clause, their special legislation clause, their ex post facto, bill of attainder clause in their Constitution to allow them to tax 3 percent of all the revenue in the state. That's what we're talking about, ladies and gentlemen, in a nutshell. Three percent of the revenue and we're going to go about stripping away every protection that exists out there in order to allow us to do that. That is bad public policy. At least with this amendment you clarify the issue a little bit, you simplify it and you leave the protections in place. Sure, you do.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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SENATOR HALL: That's what they were put in the Constitution to do, to protect people from just this kind of legislation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Robak, you're next.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body,