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LB 1063

sales tax on energy, one-half of the energy used with a \$100,000 cap, the collections fee provisions of \$6.7 million would be continued and then an add back of depreciation and we've, I think, all talked about the depreciation add back. It says here it does not relate to real or motor vehicle depreciation, but the whole concept of the depreciation add back is another...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...way of taxing personal property. The problem is it is tax collected then at the state level and distributed back as opposed to being part of the local tax base. Some ideas here that individual members may think have merit. As a package at this point, I find LB 1063 to be far preferable and I would urge you not to support this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President, members of the body, I rise to support the concept of no personal property tax, however, I'm going to take to heart a senator's statement, we should look at this closely. So I ask you, how can we look at it closely at six o'clock in the evening, 130 pages completely changes the concept of taxation and yet we're supposed to look at it closely and decide, so I'd like to ask Senator Hall some questions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like also to have us...I'm going to put up a motion to adjourn when this is over. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: In glancing through, and it's merely glancing through your bill or your amendment...

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

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SENATOR HALL: Yes.

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