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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I hope we get some discussion on this amendment because I'd like to...really would like to hear the reasons why it isn't good. I know someone may be sitting back thinking of calling a quick question on this, but I think it needs a discussion because it is part of my problems with the CA. And I won't partake in any delaying tactics or anything to that sort as long as we can get a good discussion on this because this is at the heart of it for me. If you want me on the CA, this can bring me on. Now maybe I walk in the front door of the tent, you lose three people out the back door of the tent, that's what I want to hear. I'd like to hear that. And please tell me your problems other than procedural because the procedural arguments used against this were used against 1063 yesterday and we all know we do what we have to do to get things done procedurewise in here. So let's not talk about that. Let's talk about your real problems, why LB 1063 and the CA are better without this and what will happen on the failure of the CA without this language and why that's better than the CA failing with this language. I really want to know because that's what can bring me on board. Like I said, if you already have your 40, that's fine. If you don't need me, that's fine. I'm not playing a waiting game and a guessing game. I truly want to hear the arguments. Are you concerned that if the CA doesn't pass all personal property goes on as in all personal property as they discussed in MAPCO, charitable and religious hasn't been exempted because it wasn't in the lawsuit? Are you concerned that the failure of the CA will cause that to happen? Or are you concerned that if we don't change the uniformity clause, all real property comes off which was an argument at one time, we lose that tax base, but I really don't think the courts can grant exemptions. They can request or force you...force equalization one way or another, but I don't think they can grant exemptions, so I don't know that they could come in and take off all real property, and if I'm wrong I stand to be corrected on that. But I really want to hear the arguments because it's going to be real hard for me to go home to vote for a CA that I'm uncomfortable, very, very uncomfortable with and then go home and tell the people to vote for it. And if I vote for it and go home and vote against it myself and tell them to vote against it, that's going to be real tough to explain also. And people have been trying to explain to me how I could work that out in the last few days and I