

I would urge that you support the suspension of the rule so its issue can be placed on the ballot in May and get this issue behind us and, again, to get some stability for the local governments...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...and stability through a tax structure so economic growth in this state has a possibility to occur.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, Senator Hall mentioned the writing over the mantle in the lounge, that a group of us were looking at it, and some... some could use that as an argument, well, geez, let the people vote, let the people vote to change. Let them have that choice or that option. And my problem is as the CA exists I don't see it as a real choice. From what I've heard from my constituency, they have the choice of voting for something they hate versus something they detest. You know, here you go, which one do you want? And I still say that Senator Moore's option gives a more clear choice, a true choice. And Senator Warner's concern that there is no revenue contained in it makes it even more of a pure policy option for the people to decide on. They don't have to get into the discussion of whose ox shall or shall not be gored. It's a pure policy option. Take it off...is your...do you believe a good policy is to not tax personal property? And if that is a problem, if that is a problem, that they say, well, geez, I don't want to make a pure policy choice like that without you telling me exactly if my ox would be at least worried, I think, as Senator Schrock would put it. Then that makes that option a lot weaker and makes the other side of the CA stronger. So where's the concern? I think we need to give them a clear choice and I think Senator Moore, at this moment, even if...maybe it is too late, maybe it is, gives them the clear choice that I can...I can swallow, because the CA, as it exists, I've been trying to swallow it and I don't think I can. I don't think I can. And maybe I'm wrong on that. I mean, I still boil down to inventory and the short-term effect of that possibly being on and how it affects my implement dealers, how it affects my brother's gas station with his inventory, as small as it may be, of six to seven hundred dollar tractor tires, because that's what a...you know, you get a flat on a tractor, it doesn't cost you five bucks at the gas station, it costs you