

system. It is no new money for any given county because like you say, their budgets are cast. This is simply who pays and it does put several of the counties or the majority of the counties, it puts more of a burden on the automobile, but any burden on that automobile comes off the real estate, and so it has to fit into your philosophy in that respect. But I think if you compare the two systems what I offer to you today as it has been amended is a better system than what we currently are operating under. So with that I oppose the IPP motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Will and Hall. Senator Schmit. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, without taking much time I would like to ask your support for the motion to indefinitely postpone. A lot has been explained about the flaws in our current system of valuing automobiles with respect to wear and tear that can occur to one automobile as compared to another, thereby rendering the value meaningless sometimes down the road. There are a lot of intriguing aspects to Senator Conway's bill establishing a fee schedule. I voted it out of the Revenue Committee as a member of that committee for the purposes of participating in a discussion of this type of examining the implications of putting in a fee schedule as opposed to an ad valorem system like the one we have. I guess the bottom line is that I have to agree with Senator Chambers that warts and all, the ad valorem system in the end is a more progressive system, tends not to penalize the individual that hangs onto his car who tends to be the individual who probably cannot afford a new car, who needs to have a car that's six, seven or eight years old and I think until we can establish a fee structure that recognizes the fact that ability to pay probably comes into play to a great extent with respect to the decision to purchase a new automobile of any type and that if that type of automobile is a less expensive automobile, probably that individual should not have to pay as great amount of taxes as the individual that purchase the more expensive automobile. I think we're probably best off staying with the system as it is right now and with that I guess my final comment would be that I hope that this at least momentarily restores Senator Chambers' faith in the fact that I am not merely a tool of the elitist masses in Douglas County that purchase expensive new automobiles. Thank you.