

floor. He did designate it as his personal priority bill so it's not something that he is pulling out of the air, like some of the things I'm hearing people out in the lobby talking about as if we had 15 more days to consider things on General File and then start to worry about the push. And this is something that the process has been followed, he is just merely leapfrogging a little bit, which I don't know is necessary but it's not something that is just being pulled out of the air. He did designate this as a personal priority bill and it is something that is before us. It's something that I'm going to vote for even though I don't like hold harmless because of things I said in the past that I think it's something that, given the flexibility of the property tax base out there, we may need to get a little better...little better look at things. But I will be...any further changes in hold harmless, I will be opposing as vehemently as Senator Hall is. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to oppose this portion of Senator Lamb's amendment, not for any procedural reasons. I agree with Senator Hall on what he said. I think the hold harmless needs to come to an end. You are perpetuating two systems. I have things I would like to do and have discussed with people about doing on changing things about 1059, but I agree that we need to get on with it. I think it was a good change in the way we did things. It needs a lot of tinkering, in my opinion. I agree with the rapid growth provisions that Senator Lamb is trying to address and I also agree that there needs to be studies done on other issues such as slower growth, slower steady growth that kind of may fall into some of the cracks the way we have some things set up in lid restrictions, etcetera. But I'm not going to bring those this year. I think the timing is wrong. We need to get on with the other issues and I just simply disagree with the hold harmless provision. So I will oppose this portion of the amendment and probably support the other portions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hall, your light is on but you have spoken three times on this amendment. Okay, we'll let you speak one more time. No, go ahead. Go ahead. Senator Schimek. Senator Robak. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye,