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members' version of this bill. The administration's version was a cleaner and, I guess, better prepared way to deal with that issue. We adopted that as part of this amendment to the committee bill. And I would urge adoption of these...of this amendment, it includes all five of those issues. A second amendment that you have on this sheet will come...will be addressed after we adopt this amendment to the committee bill. With that, I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Further discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I trust Senator Hall implicitly in terms of the way he has described the lengthy amendment that is being offered to the bill. But I would have liked to have had an opportunity to see exactly how these various provisions are worded, because I may not agree with the way that the proposition is presented. I'm not going to speak in opposition to those amendments, though. I am in favor of taking the 775 exemptions away. In fact, I'm in favor of LB 6 in its repealer of 829 and the restoration of all this other property to the tax rolls. I think one of the best, most wholesome things that could happen is for some of these entities that have not paid taxes to pay some. For a lot of ordinary people, taxes can mean the difference between surviving or not surviving. If you have a small business or a farm, it may go a long way in determining whether or not you can keep your home. But, for these business entities and some of the big agricultural operators, it's merely an inconvenience. Let them be inconvenienced a bit to understand a mosquito bite from the taxes, so that they can perhaps identify, to some extent, with those who feel an elephant's foot when the taxes come to rest on them. I'm not going to vote on the amendment that Senator Hall is offering, one way or the other. But I intend, if LB 6 is not changed substantially, to vote for it. I cannot determine what the scenario, overall, is for this session, with the movement of LR 1, with 29 votes, I know good and well I'm not going to vote for that. I don't know whether that is necessary, that LR 1 must be passed before LB 6 will have an opportunity to pass, because I'm not in the inner circle, or the inner sanctum on any of these activities. So I'll just have to kind of go along with the others who are on the outside and see how that plays out. But I'm not going to do anything with the amendments as offered. If they are adopted in a form that will not restore any of the exemptions that are to be taken away by LB 6, I would support LB 6.