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LB 6
LR 1

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Will, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise in support of the Hall amendment to LB 6. What the Hall amendment represents is the work of the Revenue Committee with respect to several issues that were identified, after the drafting of LB 6 was completed, that needed to be worked out prior to...prior to the advancement of the bill off General File. Essentially, they are issues that aren't wholly technical. They do address some substantive questions but primarily they simply ensure that the bill is in good shape to advance. I guess, with respect to LB 6 in general, I would urge you to look at LB 6 in a different light than you do LR 1. I think LR 1 ought to be the lightning rod for this special session, but whether or not you support LR 1, whether or not you would work to see LR 1 defeated or approved at the ballot box, I think it's important that this Legislature put in place a mechanism that is embodied in LB 6 that would allow the state to proceed responsibly in the event that a constitutional amendment either is not approved by this body or is rejected by the voters, because at that time we need to have our statutes in shape to address the issues that were raised by the MAPCO decision and I think it's a mistake to vote against LB 6 because it puts property back on the tax rolls. LB 6, in and of itself, is simply a response to a court decision that has already...that has already decided that. And I would hope that again you would...you would look at LB 6 in a separate light from LR 1. The fact of the matter is that even if we don't pass LB 6 and if no constitutional amendment passes and LB 829 would happen to be struck down by the courts, we're going to have to be in a position to assess that personal property and put it on the tax rolls. I think we owe it to our counties to have legislation on the books that explains how that's going to work and not simply leave the county boards and county assessors across the state holding the bag. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, again I rise to try and clarify a little bit, if I can, the amendment that's before you. It does not change, in any way, the original