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Senator Lindsay and his co-sponsors is not a compromise. It is a way to allow people who are feeling the heat to say they are going to support LR 1. They are becoming shaky. If their position has really changed and they have become persuaded that this thing ought to be submitted to the public, as confusing as it will be, as misleading as it will be, as hurtful as it will be, they should just say so; I think we ought to submit this to the public and change their vote and vote for it, but to pretend that somehow by Senator Lindsay's offered amendment some kind of change has been wrought that is going to benefit the public, therefore, LR 1 now is not as obnoxious as it was, is a hoax. Everybody on this floor knows it. There is some people like Jaksha out there and others who will help point out what LR 1 will be about. The purpose of it, and the Governor has stated the purpose as clearly as he can, to continue allowing exemptions for the big interests that have been able to get those exemptions. Do you think they want the power to tax and classify personal tangible property as they please for the purpose of helping the garden variety taxpayer? When has there ever been an amendment to the Constitution to help the garden variety taxpayer with reference to anything? I listen to my young friend, Senator "Christian", and Senator "Christian" rises in the midst of the heated debates and in measured, calm terms...tones, he assumes the role of the one who is all-wise, has all of the answers, the oil to pay on the troubled waters, and will pour on the troubled waters and says, now just follow me, we are in chaos; nobody knows what we are doing, and you can't resolve all the chaos during the special session; what we want to do is set up the rules of the game by enacting a constitutional amendment. That is the last things you ought to do during a special session where you have this short amount of time. If there is to be a constitutional amendment, try it during a regular session when you have enough time to consider it. This amendment, itself, is chaotic. With all that has been discussed, with what LB 6 is going to do in terms of a conscious vote by the Legislature to protect the 775 exemptions is show the public that the aim of the Legislature is to protect the big shots. But that is not unusual for Senator "Christian". He got the big shot court amendment through that took away rights of appeal from the citizens, and he said when he was persuading the Legislature to do that, well, we will offer amendments and do things by statute to protect the rights of the public once we get the amendment in place. The amendment was put in place. No amendments of substance were adopted to that proposal and the appellate court exists with rights of the citizens having been