

There is no doubt in my mind that 829, as also has been said before this year is over, will be in jeopardy for some reason. What I have heard people saying is that we...in here as well, but other than that, you know, we need to have some time, we need to let the 3-R Committee work. We need to clarify what it is the situation is and we haven't had any time. Senator Hall brought the bill in to the hearing the other day and my first reaction was, you know, that's a very logical and feasible thing to do but I had doubts that the public would do it. I think the public understands, a vast majority of the public at least, understands the serious economic impact to do nothing can have. I think the public understands what can happen to governmental subdivisions to do nothing. And while we're not buying stability in the long run, we are buying stability, assuming the voters support this, in the short run, and then the election can proceed, next year we can spell out a lot of things. If there is anything, as I have indicated before, it seems to me there is a mass of misinformation across the state as to the position we're in, what happens if we do nothing, what will be the result of a change, how will taxes shift. Most of the information is...is at best unclear but much of it is in error when applied to specifics. I think this will buy us time for the state to really look at this orderly and I would be in strong support of placing this on the ballot. I can think of only one thing that we can do which would be the worst possible thing to do and that's to do nothing because that will not last. And this is at least some kind of possibility, providing the time to come up with a feasible tax program for the state and I would hope the 40 votes somehow would be there.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I, too, rise to support the return to Select File and then support the amendment. I thank Senator Hall for doing that. It's, as I said before we voted on LR 1 originally, I think it's the next best thing. When Senator Hall introduced this the first time I listened to a bunch of people talk, well, how can I justify that to the constituents? Well, it's easy. Take Howard Lamb's little tax game he invented in the last session on how to make up the 90 to 100 million and you throw it at them and, say, get 50 of them in a room, all right, 40 of you agree on this, or take all of these proposals here to your constituents and throw them...throw them out in front of them and say, let's see 40 of you agree on this. It works very effectively, Senator Lamb. I