

to, within that specific category of livestock, even the floor and to exempt all kinds of livestock whether they are purchased or not. With that, I would simply urge you to reject Senator Withem's motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Withem, followed by Senators Moore, Robinson, Schmit, Warner and Dierks. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam Chair, members of the body, just a few comments I want to make in response to some of the things that I have heard. First of all, Senator Lamb indicated that this is a thinly disguised attempt to kill the bill. I don't know how thinly disguised it is, Senator Lamb. My estimation, it would be probably if this amendment were adopted then LB 3 wouldn't pass, but it certainly isn't the case that it can't. We are not on the 90th day of the session. We're not on the 60th day of the session. We're in a special session and there is no limitation of the number of days that you can meet other than those who want to beat their feet out of town and get back to doing other stuff instead of staying here and doing the business, is the only thing that...seven is the minimum number of days that you can have but you can certainly amend this bill or let it sit over tomorrow. I will be here. I'll come down and check in with everybody and I'll come back on Friday to vote on it at that time. So you do not have to...do not have to say that the bill is dead if you do choose to amend it. I guess the only other point I would like to make is expand a little bit on what Senator Warner has talked about. I do have another motion up that would deal with the, what I understand to be the Coordsen amendment dealing with decreasing the sales tax paid from the adjusted basis for the value of a piece of property. Adding those two numbers together, \$4.7 million in the livestock exemption, adding onto that \$4.6 million that would go off the tax base as a result of decreasing the sales tax. Now, admittedly, that is not all an agriculture exemption, that relates to all property. But we are talking about shifting the tax burden and I do appreciate Senator Lamb's honesty in saying that if we don't pay taxes on livestock that owners of other property will pick that up. We're talking about a 9.3 million dollar tax shift. I've seen this body fall apart and not go forward on something that cost a hundred thousand dollars. But we're talking about coming in here, adding amendments onto a bill on Select File with a 9.3 million dollar tax shifting impact, passing it and not allowing us, because we have to go