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beneficial for the dehy people, the ethanol plants. It will even help the sugar beet plant. We are gathering more information on it at this time because, as some of you may or may not know, the dehy plants in Dawson County had a 500 percent increase in their energy taxes because of this...because of LB 829. Any large industrial user of energy that doesn't employ a lot of people felt discriminated against in LB 829, but until we get some fiscal notes on this, and we are in the process of doing that, I am going to ask to pass over this amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, I will now then recognize Senator Warner, followed by Senators Hall, Wesely, and Crosby. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I renew the motion to advance LB 1 to Select File. Again, without repeating the necessity of advancing this bill a number of times during discussion today but, obviously, as Senator Hall just discussed relative to the prior bill, that we are dealing with a revenue shortfall, with a vehicle to correct that. Carrying on from the discussions this morning, I would hope the bill could be advanced this afternoon, and if there are modifications and in some respect that is feasible, certainly those alterations or alternatives could be looked at on Select File, and with that brief discussion, I would just hope the body would advance the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, members. Again, I rise to support the passage of LB 1 to General File. Many of you know I am not a fan of personal property tax. Matter of fact, I would argue that I kind of led the charge to do away with it. I don't see that as I guess incongruent with my stand on LB 1 right now. The problem is that we are dealing with this specific point in time where we have to address approximately a \$97 million shortfall. We were in special session a month and a half ago dealing with the budget side of things, and we cut out approximately \$100 million. What we are doing here because of court decisions is now, in effect, passing what I would consider