

back in after that and then set in a range. There's no rush for this...for this bill to go through, believe me. This is not something that everybody is out there begging for. It's already been done. This range has already been set by the Board of Equalization. Nobody is out there begging the Legislature to put this into law. And, in fact, other people are out there saying, don't put this into law, give us some time, and then other people are out there questioning the constitutionality of whether we can do this at all. So I hope senators who...very busy senators who have had their mind on many other things this past week and talking to constituents will realize that you are making a tremendous...if we're setting the range here, are we going to go set the range for all of the decisions that the Board of Equalization makes? Are we going to put in a range that's acceptable to us here in the Legislature? If so, let's do it all at once, instead of just piecemeal like you're being asked to do. I think you need to adopt this amendment if you are considering adopting LB 137. I think it's something that we should have had a much more thorough discussion on it, and I'm sorry for that, that I wasn't more aware. I think we really dropped the ball, as a Legislature, here on this issue on getting a better discussion on this issue. It needed to be done this year and it's been a very busy year and will continue to be. I wish we had more time. I wish we had given it more time. I realize we're hitting the lunch hour here but I think this is extremely important and hope that you will think very seriously. And dropping the E clause, folks, will not give us the discussion that we need to do on this policy change. So I hope you will adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The question before the body is the motion to return LB 137E to Select File. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 26 nays on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion fails. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Hall would move to return the bill, Madam President. (FA72 appears on page 916 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hall.