

well lobbied, it's been well argued. It is, for those of us who have been around here long enough, a renegeing on a deal,...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...it is an undoing of a proposition that was used to justify a major tax change. It is the continuation of a shift of burden from corporate citizens to individuals, and those are not now in sync. We now have higher burdens on individuals than we do on corporations and we'll only make it worse when 559 becomes law. And Senator Beutler's amendment which is doomed, given where we are in the season and the amount of lobbying that's gone by, is I think rational policy, I wish we'd do it. But this body has not laid a responsibility on the corporate sector for taxes in the last 15 years in any measure different than what they've done to individuals, and what they have done is they've given corporations break, after break, after break and today will be another one; that's unfortunate.

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: I rise to support the Beutler amendment, I'll be voting against 559.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Wesely, your light is next.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I hope people had a chance to hear Senator Landis' comments, they were, I think, very enlightening. One of the things that we have a difficulty with is remembering very many years back. We have all this effort for term limits, we have all this effort to limit the experience in government, and what you just saw was why we need to be very cautious about losing the institutional memory that we need to have, because that's the sort of games that get played with this. We're being played off of, used as best we can be used, either between ourselves and other states, or between ourselves, each other internally, and as time goes on playing off one initiative versus another. And having that perspective, understanding the broader sweep of change across the country and broader sweep of change that has occurred in our state helps put things in perspective, maybe it won't change anybody's mind. Obviously, a lot of commitments have already been made, a lot of lobbying has gone on. But I hope you'll think through on some of the things that Senator Landis talked