

I'd like to make just a couple brief remarks and then I will withdraw the amendment. I appreciate the expressions of support, but I feel for two reasons that I should withdraw it. One, it has a couple of technical defects in it because the first amendment was not adopted. But, second'y, I feel that I have not given adequate notice and opportunities for input on this and there will be an opportunity later in the session if we proceed with property tax reform to deal, again, both with amendment one and amendment two, and I will encourage the Legislature with more vigor to do both of those things at a later point in time in the process because I do still feel like both are necessary parts of the process. And having said that, let me just respond one second to Senator Bohlke's inquiry with regard to the three options. Senator, you may want to restructure it in terms of more options. My thought was merely this, that as a person who is going to be outside of the formulation process, the initial formulation process, by and large, as we deal with each year's increment of property tax reform, it may be when I look at the recommended plan, which would be the first thing I would look at, that I would think to myself, well, this is good, but we need a little more spending cuts here. Or this is good, I may think, but I'd rather increase this tax or this fee by so much. And if either of those are my thought, then I can look up to option one and option two and see what the, what the committees have recommended in terms of what we should do in those areas if those are the areas that we want to deal with. And it presents to me an easier means of looking at what might be an acceptable alternative to all or a portion of the recommended plan as it comes to me out of this process. That was the only thought there. And I can see where maybe some additional verbiage and some additional direction and alternatives may be helpful there, and I look forward to your input and to Senator Warner's and the committee members'. And I'll try to be, to present to you a more refined and defined proposition, both with respect to amendments one and two, at a later point in time. I do appreciate your comments and indulgence today. Thank you. I withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY PRESIDING

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item.