

vote in regular order. The current resolution, as I read it, says that the Legislature will be doing something, will be addressing the property tax problem largely through spending limitations at the local level, spending cuts at the state level, then reauthorizing those expenses, those savings to local property taxes, that there will be consolidations, and a very lot of tough decisions that are, that are included within this. It indicates currently that general tax increases will be the very last resort. What this amendment would do would be it would change the language that says "general tax increases are to be the last resort" and indicate language in it's place, "However, the magnitude of the property tax problem is so great, there can be no resolution to the issue without raising sales and income tax rates, broadening existing tax bases, or both". As I indicated, I offer this as a means of the Legislature beginning to whittle down its choices. I, for one, will not vote for this. I like the resolution the way it is now, but I think it's important that we leave today, because obviously we're not going to get to vote on the whole resolution, but that we leave today having some way given a direction to ourselves as to which approach we'll be taking. So that's what this measure does at this point, it indicates that we will be raising sales and income tax or broadening the existing tax base in order to fund property tax decreases. With that I would ask again for a roll call vote and ask you to vote your view on this issue. I will not be voting for it, but I ask you to vote your view.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Point of order, Mr. President. Is it necessary under our rules that the one who proposes a proposition support it?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Chambers, Section...Rule 5, Section 4 of the rules indicate that members, or requires that members support the bills that they introduce. I don't find a provision dealing with, with amendments that are filed by members. So I would rule that, the Chair would rule that, that they need not support motions that they introduce.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I challenge the Chair.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Okay, if you'd like to open on your challenge.