

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

April 23, 2003 LB 759

Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I believe this is an important amendment that we should consider. I think we're going to need all the tools that we have in the big picture, to look at all of our areas of taxation. But in interest of letting Senator Brashear get through and Senator Landis get through this bill, at this point I'm going to pull the amendment and ask it to be refiled on Select. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Thompson, you wish to withdraw the amendment at this time?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SPEAKER BROMM: Okay, it is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending at this time to the component of the committee amendments, FA1326.

SPEAKER BROMM: We're on the floor amendment component, FA1326. Next speaker would be Senator Raikes. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Raikes, you're back. Do you wish to speak to this component of the amendment. He waives off. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'll make this very short but I will be supporting this amendment for extending the 30 cents tax. I do thank Senator Brashear for bringing this bill to us. I think that it is important that we begin this discussion on our revenue shortfall and our budget. I would like to just comment briefly on the discussion yesterday. I do believe that it's important that we put everything on the table. This is not business like usual. We are in a crisis, as we were stating yesterday. We are going to have to sort out our priorities. I appreciated the discussion. I do plan on Select File to bring an amendment to again reexamine the different earmarks and simply suggest that maybe we take a 10 percent reduction. We are looking at everything. We are looking at leaving no stone unturned and I