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LB 759

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 759 on Select File. The bill has been discussed. When the Legislature last discussed the issue, Senator Preister had pending AM1831. (Legislative Journal page 1732.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister. You are...Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, since it has been a few days since we were on this bill and this amendment, I pressed my light to let you know again what the amendment does. It's simplistic in its approach. It simply strikes the word "including" and inserts the word "excluding" prior to the words "motor vehicles." So it takes out the actual repair labor sales tax from this bill, so that someone who brought in an automobile and had it serviced, they would obviously pay sales tax on any parts that would be used in that repair service. As the bill is currently drafted they would also pay for the labor on that repair. This amendment would take the repair labor out of being taxed, as it currently exists and the way that I would prefer it to be, to remain. My reasons for doing that, essentially twofold, first is that there are a lot of people who not always by choice but who end up driving older vehicles, older vehicles obviously needing more repair because they have higher mileage and have worn to the point where some parts have worn out. But in replacing those parts, you obviously need to do labor. A lot of those folks are barely making ends meet, many of them having to work multiple jobs. Many of those jobs do not pay them a living wage and that's why they're forced to do the additional work so that they can support their families. I think that if we take this portion of the bill away, it allows those people to have a little more discretionary money to provide for their families and their own livelihoods. I think it's important for that consideration. That's a primary concern in why I introduced the amendment. A second reason that I stated previously is that I think that old things have value, and I appreciated Senator Bourne's comments that Senator Tyson should appreciate my comments since he falls in that category according to Senator Bourne and by his own admission at times. (Laugh) So I...and I