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LB 759

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. My original comments on LB 759, I did try to put an amendment on it. I totally didn't agree with all of the areas of the taxation that was attached to this bill. But I tried, and with no avail. I didn't get my amendment passed. But in serving on many boards that I have done in the past, when the vote is taken, the majority of the vote of the people felt that this was the best direction to take. I feel that I...at this time, I'm going to support this, because I think this is what the majority of the people want. I think we need to all try to get behind it at the present time. There are some areas that I don't totally agree with it. But I will work together and try to convince my constituents of the reason why I'm voting. But I think once the majority of the people have reached an agreement, at this time I think we need to try to all be behind and support what the majority of the people want to do. I'm not one to try to hinder anything, even though some of the directions did not go the way that I had anticipated originally in General File and Select File. But now that it's got to this point, I will support this, and hopefully convince my constituents of the reasons why I'm doing that. I think we need to work as a unified body, and try to continue that way. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I have...I'll support this LB 759. I feel, like Senator Stuthman, that this is something that we've finally come to an agreement on, and that it's a case where we'll either have to hang together or else we'll hang apart. I have some misgivings about it. I can see some LB 1085 problems in there that...when the tax base was expanded, that everybody had problems finding out and figuring out what they had to charge their sales tax on. And I think we're going to run into the same problem again like this. I don't know whether we have problems with memory, or whether we can't learn, but I always felt there was a better way of doing it than the way we did it. Barring that configuration, I think it will probably be something we have to do in the long run, whether we like it or not. So as I see it, at the present time, I'll support it as it goes. Thank you.