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when we take that perspective and we look at this bill, there are some serious questions that we have to resolve before we pass it, because as you know when we pass an exemption like this, when we pass a bill like this, it is very difficult to take it off the books. It is very difficult to take away an exemption. Evidently it is going to be very difficult to stop an exemption from taking place with this bill but it would be even harder after we pass this legislation on reflection to find that it was bad legislation, to come back and change back to the system we now have. So what I am suggesting is before we once again add another exemption let's be sure about it being, as they say, a fair exemption, a proper exemption and perhaps they are right in suggesting that that is the case but I am not certain of it and I think many of you are not certain of it, and if you don't feel secure in your vote on this, then I would suggest that you not vote for its passage on Final Reading and that we look into this matter further, and upon reflection next year, we can deal with the matter again. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Johnson a question.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Johnson, so you won't think I am trying to torpedo anything you have in mind, I'm not going to vote for 905 but in the interest of time since there has been discussion, would you be willing to withdraw your motion and just recommend that those who are not for the bill not vote for its passage?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I am willing to do that provided that I do have an opportunity to make some further remarks. In other words, I will not withdraw my motion until I have a right to close and I will withdraw the motion and we can go ahead and just vote on the bill, up or down.

SENATOR CLARK: Do you want to close now?

SENATOR JOHNSON: If there are no other lights I would be glad to close.

SENATOR CLARK: In the interest of time we will let you close now.

SENATOR JOHNSON: All right, fine. We have discussed on