

Hoagland's amendment would defer the \$3,000 exemption for another year beyond that. I guess the choice is yours as to whether or not to adopt the Hoagland amendment. To me it's not...I guess I think we should deal with the issue as early as possible. There really is no rationale for stretching this out saying maybe some day, two years or some other time down the pike we will have this program. However, my main reason in rising is that we do need the Hall amendment. We do need the Hall amendment because if this is not going to be funded this year we need to delay the homestead exemption for another year. You know we're telling the people we're going to have property tax relief, but it's going to be at the expense of other property taxpayers if we do not adopt the Hall amendment. It's the second best thing we can do at this point. The first best thing was the Hoagland original amendment. This delaying it one year or possibly two years, depending on whether the amendment to the amendment is adopted, it certainly should be done in order to keep faith with all the property taxpayers.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, one thing about the amendment, and I don't mean this, Senator Hall, in a critical way, but where it says, "for all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1986," has there ever been a year when we haven't taxed the people? I mean, I came in in '81.

SENATOR HALL: Is that a question?

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I'm just remarking rhetorically...I don't ever...

SENATOR HALL: As long as I've been around, not that I know of.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I did not ask you, it was a rhetorical question. It was a cute way of using up my time and I will remember it, Senator Hall. Thank you. What caught my ear, what caught my eye was "all taxable years" of which in my 53 years I don't know if there has ever been a year that we didn't tax the people. I don't think anybody remembers the oratory and the rhetoric in 1984 when we decided property tax relief should be there. Well, now it's all behind us. We're elected. Then what caught my ear was Senator Hoagland