

soon generate into a real contest in here that none of us want to get into. And if Senator Schellpeper's amendment...it is the easiest thing to do from my point of view. I, in some ways, would like to support it, but, on the other hand, we have to try and build a consensus that we can all live with, and probably have to build a consensus at some point in time that at least gets 25 votes to override the Governor's veto. And Senator Schellpeper's amendment, as you can tell, strikes a raw nerve. I think what we have done to date, we have backed down one of the more onerous portions of the Governor's plan, certainly in my opinion, and that is we got rid of the energy tax. That is why I switched my vote and voted for that because we got rid of the energy tax. But if you think for a moment there is going to be a way where you can get somebody else to pay the taxes that we are going to now exempt, you are whistling Dixie, and we have to try and find a way we can all work together. Now Senator Schellpeper may have enough votes to do his amendment. I am not going to vote for it because I think we have to try and find...craft something in here that we can always go home and live with, and I don't think Senator Schellpeper's is it. Senator Lamb's, you know, started down a path to some degree but, unfortunately, Senator Lamb's proposal, a couple of those things will never last past Select File and, secondly, it never did, to begin with, it never collected enough money to pay off the debt that you incur when you exempt all personal property. So I rise to oppose Senator Schellpeper's amendment. And, eventually, we will make some sausage in here. I don't know how we are going to get to that point, but I think maybe with Senator Lamb's amendment, we finally did say that, yes, the depreciation tax, though we don't like it, it certainly is something you can live with over and above the energy tax, and so I would hope the body would live by that and we can move ahead and start from that point.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I, too, have to talk on this. I hadn't talked so much about this over the last month, but everywhere I went in the district, much like Senator Robinson, I heard the answer in most people's minds was the sales and income tax. So, therefore, I not only had introduced one, but I am going to support Senator Schellpeper's. I don't particularly care for all that he has got, which is typical of what most amendments are, but I am going to ask Senator Will or Senator Hall to answer a question. I don't know whether it will