

SENATOR HALL: The question there is, are those...some of those that you mentioned...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well,...

SENATOR HALL: ...nonprofit, but...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, do they not pay...does it have to do with whether they have to pay corporate income taxes?

SENATOR HALL: No, it has to do with whether or not you hire people. Under the proposal, as it currently exists, the only individuals that would be exempt would be entities in government, subdivisions of government.

SENATOR CROSBY: And the nonprofits, like the symphony, the ballet, the zoo?

SENATOR HALL: Correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: All pay it.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you very much, that takes care of that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Landis, on the Wickersham amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support the Wickersham amendment. It seeks to minimize the administrative costs of 829, and in that sense it is a good piece of policymaking. There is a body of difficulties, certainly, that remains. Were I the Department of Revenue, the first and clearest place to start in assembling the mechanism to do this would be the withholding tax. Creighton now does it, all the nonprofits that Senator Crosby just mentioned, all of the employers now have a withholding program and in that sense you could build on your existing recordkeeping base, add another line to it, and you would have a system that would cover a good deal of the population. It will not solve the more difficult problem of the self-employed individual who pays themselves a wage out of their sole proprietorship, or is in business for themselves. They don't have a withholding, usually, along those same lines. And we would have to contemplate, to carry out the