

against it and I...I guess I still go back to sales and income tax once again as many of my constituents do. That's simply all I want to say. I am going to oppose this amendment but I would like to turn my remaining time over to Senator Lindsay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Colleagues, I wanted to, I guess, offer the amendment to, I guess, just show an inconsistency. It's been opposed and it's not because it's a major policy change. It's been opposed because the votes aren't there to adopt it and that's the only reason it's been opposed. Five areas were selected to be put in there. Everything else is exempted. And it seems to me anyway that it's...it really is, I think, intellectually dishonest to say that that is anything other than an exemption of a vast part of the services industry. I think Senator Chambers made some very valid arguments. I would hope that before this bill gets passed on Final Reading that we would take a look at some of those things about who we are passing on in order to fund the exemptions for the big guys, who is going to be paying for those exemptions. It's not going to be...this is not going to replace it where it came from, simply not going to do it. I've got no intention nor desire to hold the body up. I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, it will be so ordered. The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, do you have further amendments?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Abboud would move to amend. (The Abboud amendment appears on page 2449 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, this amendment follows along the lines of the earlier amendment offered by Senator Hall that we adopted providing for some changes in the sales tax on services. And it's...it's one of those situations where, you know, it's such a good tax, according to the supporters, that maybe we ought to share it around. And when you look at different types of taxes, there is taxes that people have problems with and usually the ones that they have the most problem with are the regressive taxes, and those types of