

incorporated provisions from both entities, listened to their concerns, and I think offer a package that, although not everyone is totally pleased, anytime you are dealing with taxation, you are going to have people that aren't totally pleased, and, again, I would urge that this is a one-year proposal that makes up approximately \$93 million in lost revenue with the repeal of the personal property tax. Madam President, I would urge adoption of the amendment and would be happy to respond to any questions. It is my understanding the amendments, that they are not here...I guess they are on the desk, and I would answer any questions, if I can. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. The speaking order is Senator Abboud, Warner, Hefner, Crosby, Will, Schellpeper, Robinson, Robak, Wehrbein, Morrissey, Kristensen, Rod Johnson, and Beutler. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, the amendment that Senator Hall has offered today is a realistic approach to a very difficult problem. In the adoption of the sales tax on services, I think the approach that the Legislature took with that amendment was an approach in which we faced a gubernatorial veto, an approach in which the body would have to find 30 votes in order to enact that particular package. With the leadership that Senator Hall has shown taking bits and pieces from different programs, from the Governor's programs, from suggestions among the membership in the body, from discussions within the Revenue Committee, I think he has fashioned an approach that is as good an approach as we will be able to find. In looking through the different ideas on how to come up with this revenue, they each have portions of the amendments, portions of the revenue raising that I like, and some that I do not like. I have...the current approach to the bill with the tax on services, I think, is a poor approach because it moves it to a new area of taxation, an area that, I think, on the reflection among the body is an approach that we found would not satisfy the goals that have been established for raising this revenue. Now one of the primary goals that I had in looking on the revenue measures to raise was, first...

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we could come back to as close as possible to the businesses that cause this problem in the personal property tax crisis and