

Although the way I look at this bill right now, I think it's sitting just about like we would want it and I, personally, have quit accepting calls from the lobby and don't think we need to go out there anymore. Let's get on that and get on this amendment and get it solved inside here and see if we can't come together and get going on this issue. I still have one main concern and everyone talks about a one-year temporary tax plan and my question is, can we indeed do a comprehensive total tax restructuring next year which just happens to be an election year? So this might be a two-year tax plan, I don't know, but I can live with it for two years even if that's the case. I guess, unless we completely remove personal...or property tax off the rolls, it's going to be probably tougher next year in an election year to come to a consensus for a permanent plan than it has been this year for a temporary plan. But I say let's reject Senator Hefner's amendment for the reasons Senator Landis outlined, adopt Senator Hall's amendment, get the 25 votes so we just got a target up there, as we mentioned the other night, and start working on it and go from there. I oppose Senator Hefner's amendment, support Senator Hall's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to speak to the Hefner amendment? Senator Beutler, on the Hefner amendment? Senator Hall, on the Hefner amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to oppose Senator Hefner's amendment. It does two things. Senator Hefner mentioned the issue of the utilities tax and it says what, in effect, it would do is...it has...the utility portion of it would probably drop the total figure about \$6 million. So there would be a \$6 million shortfall there. The second portion of it would take the minimum corporate tax of 150 down to 100. So it would reduce that by 2.5. So you would have a hole of \$8.5 million with Senator Hefner's amendment. There really is...I mean, I guess you have to ask the question, go back to the whole issue of, (a), do you want to reimburse the entire amount? We talked about that. It hasn't really been addressed much but when Senator Hefner offers the amendment to strip \$8.5 million out he doesn't offer the replacement revenue to fill in the gap. And what you do then is you say that that's fine, you're going to let the figure fall down to about \$84 million and you're going to let the subdivisions pick up that \$10 million shortfall, approximately 9 million. Where is