

on the Hall amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise again in support of the Hall amendment and I don't want to take a long time deliberating it. But I guess one point I would make is there's been a lot of discussion about what's fair and what's not and the essence of it seems to be that it's not fair if it departs at all from what the tax burden is right now from those...if it's a proposal that it all departs from extracting the exact dollar amount or the exact tax rate from the entities that are paying the tax right now on personal property tax, then it's not fair. And it's an understandable position because what we're trying to do is maintain the status quo as much as possible for a year but it...but, ladies and gentlemen, that's simply not going to occur. We're not going to be able to arrive at a solution that treats everyone exactly the same as they are now. It's just we can't arrive at a tax structure that does that constitutionally. The only way I can fathom of doing that is to going back to a personal property tax that we suspect is probably unconstitutional. So I think when we're talking about fairness and we're talking about passing the dollars on, I think we simply need to resign ourselves to the fact that the tax burden is not going to be distributed exactly the same as it is now. The other...the other comment that I would have would be that...would be a word of warning when it comes to amending things like this, like the Hefner amendment that we were just talking about. We know exactly or very close to a ballpark figure, at least, what the dollar amount is that we need to replace the revenue that we're currently getting from the personal property tax. And if we start chipping away at amendments, if we start reducing the dollar amount now, I think we're simply heading for trouble, we're heading towards a revenue shortfall in the program that we're trying to adopt in the one-year solution here and we need to be very careful about doing that. I think the Hall amendment gets us to a \$93.2 million amount. That's in the ballpark of where we need to be to reimburse subdivisions for the revenue that they're losing and I think that we need to be very careful and stand fast against any erosion of the revenue total that's there. I would urge your adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Crosby, on the Hall amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to speak once more. I echo some of the things that Senator Will