

said that we are at the point where we have to make a decision and hang in with it and especially now that we're on Select File. If anything comes along on...as we go on to Final Reading, some things can be changed if people think they need to be changed. But what I think we need to do today again I will say, we need to be up front with consumers and taxpayers so they know what we're doing here today. And the utility tax is going to add...I just know it's going to be added onto consumers' bills. That's the way it works. That's probably as fair as we can get at the moment. But, as I say, I just think we should be up front with everybody so they realize what we're doing. The other thing in that same regard is that between now and Final Reading I'm going to check with a few...a couple of institutions in my district to be sure that they realize what's happening on this utility tax, the hospital and some other things, to be sure that they know because we think everybody's paying attention. That isn't always true. So, as long as we're up front and as long as we say what we're doing and trying to be fair to everybody, and I think that Senator Will said it as well as anyone else, that that...it's very difficult to do that because what one person pays sounds big to that person or that corporation. And so I do think we have to be careful of just putting out a flat fee for everybody because that...just like the widow's mite, it hurts the smaller business more than it hurts the bigger business but, at this stage of the game for this year, we've got to make the decision today so I will support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would like to ask Senator Hall another question if I could, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, would you respond?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator Hall, with your amendment, what needs to be done yet with it to be in the final form like you would like to see it?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schellpeper, that's a great question. The...I think the one issue was addressed as it relates to the depreciation surcharge and what percentage of that or what