

the fire but I had a little amendment that would have had it all go back on in '92 and couldn't hold that. So it will be interesting to see what happens when there aren't 40 votes to advance this on Final, because right now I will guarantee you there aren't. I would, Madam President, respectfully remove the suspension motion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is removed. We will proceed with debate on LR 186. Senator Peterson. Senator Hall. Mr. Clerk, you have another motion.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Chambers would move that LR 186 be indefinitely postponed. The Speaker would have the option to lay the...take it up.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to withdraw this. I am as serious as a heart attack. Senator Hall said that people have talked about the tax system for two years. It's been talked about ever since I've been down here which is going on 21 years but there is a difference between theoretical, up in the air discussions about general abstractions and being presented with a proposition to change the Constitution in a drastic fashion. When that is done, even though such a proposition is brought in, it's brought in at the 11th hour. I take seriously my responsibility down here. Maybe I'm not as swift as the other members are but I haven't had the opportunity to review in depth as I would need to the significance of this amendment. I see grave problems that can be created by amending the Constitution in this fashion. I know that I have not thoroughly and completely reviewed every aspect of this situation. When I talked to the Governor a few days ago I told him that there is no way that I, in conscience, can vote for this proposition when I don't know enough to do so. If I knew enough about this situation and what this amendment would do not only as far as changing the Constitution but the impact throughout society, I would be speaking in favor of it. But since I cannot speak in favor of it, because I don't know enough and I'm not convinced enough, I cannot vote in favor of it. My vote means more than what I would say. My vote is a concrete affirmative act placed by me as an official saying that I believe this is the right thing to do and, in the strongest way that I have available to me as an elected official, I am putting my imprimatur on this proposition