

make good decisions about our tax policy, to make decisions about how or if we should change our Constitution. We don't know that. We're walking in the dark. We're changing the Constitution without having the information in front of us that we need. What happens if we pass this, the people adopt it and the court goes off on a totally different tangent? What have we done? We'll be back here changing it again in special session. It makes no sense to move at this point. There hasn't been much thought given to this since it was introduced on the eightieth day, the eightieth day of the session, of a 90-day session. A constitutional amendment comes in to deal with personal property that's been before us for two years. The motion to reconsider is in front of you. It deserves your attention. The Governor deserves that much and it's the reason I put it on the table, because it had to be somebody who didn't vote for it and I clearly was one of those. Deal with it as you will. I don't believe that this is the proper time for it. I don't think we have the proper information to deal with the decision, to look at this issue and it's clear from the amendments that have been offered yet tonight, that this proposal probably isn't in proper or final form by any stretch of the imagination.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to say a few things. One of them Senator Hall said, by the way, on the motion to reconsider. It's my understanding it takes 30 votes. I probably will be not voting because in some ways I think the matter before us is probably predetermined that what is going to happen is the motion to reconsider will pass. We'll take another board vote and there will not be 40 votes to adopt the LR in its current form, at least I hope there are not. A couple of things I think we need to talk about. One of those Senator Hall mentioned, but it is so critical to our discussion that it needs to be repeated and we need to think about it. On May 19th of this year there was no constitutional amendment before us. Yes, it's true. Maybe there were some people from the Governor's Office visiting with people, but there was nothing formally before us. That was on our 79th day, there was nothing like this before us. Somehow in 11 legislative days, counting today, what was not even a document on a piece of paper has become the savior or our state. Think a minute or two. Sober up a minute or two. Does that make sense? Is that the way to arrive at public policy? Is that the way to amend the document that has governed this state