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on this sheet, that can be stricken and the rest of it could stand alone. Now I personally, as you know, think that 3 and 4 should be on there. I don't think the community colleges should be funded...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: ...from property tax. I've had that position for a long time now. A number of people on this floor don't agree with that and I respect that opinion of those people. So what I am saying to you, look at it. Look what Senator Hall is doing and remember that number 3 and 4 could be stricken and the rest of it could stand alone. Or if you're like me, you like 3 and 4, you vote for the whole amendment. So I'm suggesting we put the amendment on the bill at this point, and then if somebody wants to take off 3 and 4 or if you can divide the question and take off 3 and 4, that's a possibility. So I just hope people will seriously consider the amendment that we have before us at this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Schmit, you're next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I felt better yesterday after the adoption of Senator Moore's amendment than I have any time since we had convened this session. There were some portions of the amendment that I am not enthusiastic about. I do not like the numbers on the income tax side and I thought that perhaps we could work on that at a future time, but I will have to say this. It has been my experience over the years that to follow the leadership of a committee that most of the time, with some exceptions, of course, when I don't agree with them, you get along pretty good. I'm going to go along with Senator Hall on this amendment. I, as Senator Lamb has pointed out, am not enthusiastic about items 3 and 4. I do not really think very much of taxing business equipment and centrally assessed property because I am committed to total elimination of the tax on personal property. I believe that is the fair way to go. Unfortunately, I do not know if we have the votes here for it this time or not. Fifteen years ago business, agriculture, industry stuck together and we were able to do most of the exemptions. I think it's wise that we exempt railroad rolling stock. I do not believe, nor do I believe that anyone else believes that we are going to be able to tax the railroads. They are not going to be exempt. I do not know what will happen