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amendment. It again goes down the route of granting yet another exemption to the tax base in this state which will continue to cause us problems. I mean, just the debate here today spells out...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...exactly what problems we're facing in terms of funding. We haven't even talked yet about distribution formulas which, in my opinion, is a whole other portion of this bill that needs to be discussed when you're looking at replacing local revenues with revenues that are generated at the state level. So, with that, I'm going to oppose Senator Schellpeper's amendment and go on record saying that I'll oppose Senator Ashford's amendment because of the LB 1063 component that it contains.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Ashford, you're next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just had a lovely visit to the lobby where I was informed by those out there that I was a glory hound and that I was trying to take away, from LB 1063 coalition, their thunder. And if that's, in fact, the case, I'm sorry. I also, in response to what Senator Withem said that who is fooling who or don't be fooled, I think if you just listen to what I'm trying to do, I think Senator Withem and he did in his earlier talks, agreed that nobody is trying to fool anybody here. This amendment went up a couple of days ago. In point, the reason I put it up was because the tax debate had hit loggerheads. We had had several weeks, or a couple weeks of votes where there was 22, 22, 23, 22, 24, 21, whatever it is. Now I am a one-state senator from one small district in the middle of Omaha. I'm not part of the 1063 coalition, I'm not part of the 1120 coalition. I said at the beginning of this debate that I felt that both of these proposals had some good ideas in it and I didn't know which was the best and I think the best way to represent one's constituents is not to necessarily right at the beginning get onto one coalition or the other, but to listen to what is good tax policy for the state. Now this whole debate would have been over an hour and a half ago or two hours ago had the 1063 coalition said, yes, let's get 1063 into 1120 with some exemptions and take a look at what is good, fair tax policy. I didn't prolong this debate. I'm not causing or trying to cause excruciating pain. I'm not trying to be a glory