

be really raising taxes with 773. If you didn't expect to raise taxes, under 773, you didn't listen to Senator Vard Johnson. He told us we're going to raise the taxes to take care of the needs of 775. Go back and check the record. When I asked him, how much, he said seven to nine million. He stood right behind me. I said, would you believe maybe five or seven times that much? And he spoke very disparagingly of my remarks. I think it turned out to be that I was closer to it than he was. We also have LB 89, obviously, a very well thought out bill. But because we don't seem to want to put the money into it, we're going to have to have some kind of an interim proposal that will be less costly so we can ease our toe into the water and then take a little more bold step next year, and then the next year after that and take care of the responsibility which is ours. We're going to have... I suppose we have a temporary solution to the College of Pharmacy problem, although that may take care of itself, if we don't do something before long. I'd just like to suggest also, I don't believe that the court is going to work less hours. I believe the court is working full time now. I think they will continue to work full time and I certainly think that, for whatever reason, for whatever reason, we need to do something in that area. It is not the court which creates cases, we create those cases. Senator Chambers made it very clear, as he always does, that he's not castigating all of the judges, none of us would. We believe most of the judges are competent. I believe the vast majority are excellent judges. I think it's important that we recognize that performance also can be tied somewhat to workload. Once an employee works beyond a certain number of hours and works under a certain workload the efficiency does not maintain its usual high standards. And I would suspect that the court, upon looking back and seeing the workload that comes... that is coming after them, must certainly feel somewhat frustrated. I don't know, I don't know if this is going to work or not. I've not... I'm not going to suggest...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...that it's a major improvement. I do suggest that some individuals here, Senator Chizek, Senator Kristensen and others are looking at it as a method whereby some of that workload can be relieved. But I just want to caution you that we need to look toward permanent solutions, not temporary solutions. They need to be permanent whether they address the court, whether they address property taxes, whether they address the income tax, whether they address the budget or whatever they