

exemptions. So I have great differences with the Governor on tax policy and I have argued with her for some time over this but I also feel that we have had a pact over the years with our people and that we have said that the income tax changes were not to be a tax increase. Governor Orr was elected on the platform that she would not raise taxes and I think that pact and that promise has to be kept by this Legislature. So I would support, in some form or another, income tax relief. I do think this is inadequate. I do think it is not as fair as it could be but, at the same time, it is an attempt to step in the right direction of providing at least some relief in income taxes. And I do support the day care tax credit that is part of this bill and is subject to some criticism. But, you know, it's kind of an interesting thing. In supporting this bill, I also know exactly what will happen because if it is eventually passed by this Legislature, which I anticipate, though there will be quite some opposition, if it passed, I imagine what will happen is on the evening news and on the newspapers we'll see the headlines about the Governor's tax relief bill passes. That will be the headline and that will be the lead on the news stories. The Governor's tax relief bill passes. And the Governor will have the glory and...and be able to talk about how she kept her promises and I'm sure that's very much on her mind. But, really, you know, thinking back about it, I thought, for instance, myself and Senator McFarland ought to have our names on this bill. Probably as much of the reason this legislation was ever introduced is from the work that we did trying to point out the problems with the income tax and for the past year time and again pointed out there was an increase. But, you know, really, that's not right either. The Governor has introduced the bill and despite the other legislation Senator McFarland and I had introduced it's her bill that eventually worked its way through the Legislature so, yes, it is her legislation. But, truthfully, those headlines and those leads in the evening news ought not to talk about the Governor's tax bill because this is really the people's tax bill because it's the people that rose up last year and loud and strong spoke out about this increase in the income tax, because if you remember about a year ago some of us were saying there was a tax increase. Two years ago some of us were saying that 773 wouldn't have a tax increase, but about a year ago some of us raised the income tax increase issue and were told, of course, we didn't know what we were talking about, that there was, in fact, no income tax increase. And if you remember, the people loud and strong got hold of all of us in this Legislature last year and said, to heck with them, of