

to making. When we're in a political context, a lot of times a person's motivation is the last thing we need to look at. It is the result, pragmatism, hard-headedness are the things that we have to consider. And, for whatever reason, the Governor went to the water and was baptized, as far as concern about the renters and those who are going to be gouged, who have to purchase automobiles, by virtue of this bill, I'm just glad she went. And I'm glad that when she went in the water and came up, she came up a new person. So, I can understand Senator Wesely saying that his opinion about the Governor's conversion is different from mine, I'm just glad that she's converted. The point that this amendment brings to us is that there is a great amount of discussion of equity. I hear people and have heard people talk about a shift in the tax so that there is fairness. But we have a great amount of difficulty on the floor, those of us who are concerned about the renters and the others who do not constitute a constituency that is represented here as a constituency, we find a great amount of difficulty trying to persuade the body that that term "fairness" ought to encompass these groups also. This bill should look at people as people, and those who are renters are not viewed in that vein. It's as though there is some amorphous group that came here from another planet, and they're here for the purpose of exploitation but not fair treatment. I know why Senator Hall is opposing the amendment, because he told me. But as far as the principle is concerned, I don't think he could quarrel with it. I hope that we will get enough votes to adopt this amendment. Senator, my good friend, Senator Nelson was discussing the plight of the farmers or how they'll benefit, and she nods yes. I hate to bring these things up, but Baron is not here, so I guess I can get away with it. A couple of years ago there was a study that showed that farmers in this state, up to 60 percent of their income is the result of direct federal subsidies. And here Senator Nelson is telling me, don't believe all that junk. Farmers tell me that, too. Some are...oh, the reason I don't believe it is because some get more than 60 percent. Okay, I stand corrected. But the point is this, the farmers have been getting benefits and not once has anybody on this floor stood up, and certainly not myself, and said, cut those benefits that the farmers are getting, because the people in the city, those who have only their labor to sell are not being treated the same way. Never have I done that. So, it seems unfair and inequitable to me to have people stand on the floor and say, don't help the renters, because by so doing you're not directly helping the farmers. Senator Nelson, every year I journey to