

matter how many holes you poke in it, no matter how many excuses you make, unless you really want it to be a lid. And so I am curious, I guess, how the vote would go on a real lid, a lid with no holes. And I know that there are those that say, well, it will never pass, and I can read the signs as well as the rest of you, and I am getting a lot of phone calls, a lot of telephone calls, a lot of personal contacts. When I go back to the farm every night, I see a lot of people. I have to say this, that I am getting a lot of persons who are very concerned because I am not voting for LB 1059. In fact, this morning some very fine person volunteered that I would probably be opposed by that person the next time I ran for election, if that ever happens, and that is fine. That is the way the system works. But I would suggest that, based upon the personal contacts that I have with the people in the district, and the people across the state, that far more of them understand what is happening under 1059 than would be indicated by our friends who have been contacting me in support of the bill. I have supported many bills that have increased the sales tax and income tax for the purpose of property tax relief. I would support this bill, if you can find an actual true method of determining the valuation of a district, and if you can guarantee to me that you will not in a year or two change the tier system, and if you can guarantee to me that you will not on the floor of this Legislature re-enact the personal property tax which will, once again, escalate the value of the rural districts. Ladies and gentlemen, we all know that can happen. There isn't any way that we can bind a future Legislature. There aren't this many rural legislators left on this floor, and so when the time comes, and you have to make the tough decision as to whether or not there is a tax on services or whether you reimpose the personal property tax, ladies and gentlemen, it will be a reimposition of the personal property tax because its impact upon business will be minimal as opposed to its impact upon agriculture. I want to caution you that we can confiscate real property, and I know that you are trying to avoid that but you are, in fact, not doing so. It is extremely unfortunate that uninformed individuals will believe the news reports they hear. Senator "Scotty" Moore, this morning, quoted some candidates who may or may not have read the bill. Well, Senator Moore, I would challenge that most of the persons who called me and asked me to vote for the bill have not read it either, nor will they read it. One thing they will read will be their tax statements when they come out. One thing they will read is the withholding tax on their income tax. One thing they will read will be the