

if you have one person exempted from paying taxes, that loses revenue. If you lose revenue when you want to maintain services, you must raise revenue elsewhere which means if one person doesn't pay taxes, some other taxpayer will make up the difference. It's as simple and clear as that and that is the whole issue before us. If the railroads do not pay taxes any longer, somebody else will have to make up the difference. If others do not pay taxes, whether it be the pipelines or the telephone companies or other businesses, somebody else will have to make up the revenues or services will have to be cut. I think most everybody, with the exception of Mr. Jaksha and a few...handful of followers, feel that the services ought not to be cut, that we are not an extravagant state, that these are basic services that our citizens want and so that means somebody else will have to make up the difference in terms of taxes. Now what are the options that we have? If we reduce the personal property taxes paid in these areas, then we'd have one option is to have other property taxpayers paying more property taxes, homeowners and other business property payers. That is not something anybody wants to see. Property taxes are already too high, so I think that is not an option we want to see. Another option is to raise the sales tax. I don't think that people are too crazy about the sales tax although they'll take that over some other options, but I don't think citizens particularly want to see a reduction on some of these corporate taxpayers and having them have to make up the difference on sales tax. Sales tax on services is another option that has been discussed, not a very popular item and the only way you're going to get something like that, I think, is if you have a property tax reduction or some tax reduction attached to a sales tax on services and that's not what they are getting here. You are reducing some corporate taxpayers' burden, shifting it onto a sales tax on services, not a very popular idea. And then lastly, the income tax could go up. Well we know how popular the income tax is these days and what has happened in that area. That is not an option I think people want to look at. Those are our choices with one exception and that exception is the corporate tax and that is exactly what Senator Landis and Senator Dierks are talking about. Let's not go back to the other taxpayers out there, let's go back to this group of taxpayers that are pushing these exemptions. It's not just a group of these corporate taxpayers, it's not all of them, but nevertheless, if we're ever going to get some discipline in this area, Senator Ashford I think was trying to get the point across, we've got to go back to the corporate community and say a little self-discipline