

trying to do is bash corporations. Corporations, and as Senator Moore pointed out, there are more small ones than any other kind. There are a lot of you who work for corporations. The person who invests capital and works every day, most small businesses in particular are family owned and they work every day long hours to keep that corporation going, to be able to pay their employees, give the employees the benefits that they need and want, those are the people that you're really going to hurt when you start raising corporate income tax. When you raise the rate that takes away from what they can put back into the business, and a lot of them do that, regularly, to keep the business going and to make it grow. So I don't see why all of those small corporations should take on the burden of the problem that we find ourselves in with the 4-R and the Enron decision. The other point I want to make is that I think that...I wanted to ask Senator Landis just a quick question, because that goes...I listened to everything that you said to me very carefully yesterday, Senator. But you talk about that 12 million and you talk about the real estate property tax. How...what...If you got that 12 million, what assurance do you have that it would be given back, or that property tax people would get the relief of it? I just want to hear you say that again so I understand.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Mike not activated. Response inaudible.)

SENATOR CROSBY: All right, you were going to do something about that. All right. Okay, thank you. The other thing I want to say about businesses, and when you talk about property tax there are more small and medium size corporations than the big ones. They...along with paying corporate income tax the people who own it and the employees who get paid pay income tax. The people who own it pay property tax on the real estate that they own, and a lot of them own good sized buildings and a lot of acreage and they pay property tax, local property taxes to their school districts and so on. The employees do the same. They pay all kinds of taxes. So I think when you single out corporations and say, let's get them, you are getting to a class of...I feel that education is the cornerstone...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...of our society. The corporations and business are the structure that keep all of us going. And I doubt that very many of you could really say that that's not