

make for motor vehicles in the Constitution to separate that out and provide for the fee schedule. The argument on the other side is going to be that you cannot make this change in terms of the constitutionality of repealing the personal property tax unless you repeal it all because the argument could be made that you are subject...laying open subject to a lawsuit that would look at 100 to \$120 million in terms of personal property or tax base under the Governor's proposal fee schedule that you would potentially jeopardize if you left this provision in statute, in other words, left the system the way it currently is for purposes of taxing motor vehicles as personal property. My point in bringing this up is that, again, I am not convinced that it need be done. It is a dramatic change that for a short-term...on a short-term basis I do not believe is very equitable in terms of how it is approached. Some counties, people will be paying more because of the fee schedule. In other counties, there will be much less coming in. Actually, the county that I happen to reside in and my district is in would receive much less because of the reduction from personal property to the fee schedule. It would have a dramatic impact on the amount of dollars that would be available for road projects in that area. Whereas, other communities, other areas, other counties will be paying more on the fee schedule than they're currently paying on personal property tax on their cars. So it's a mixed bag sort of approach. It does affect everyone. Other communities, like I said, mine will be...I, actually I think, would pay less on my car than I...under the Governor's proposal than I will under the current system. But the fact of the matter is that the potential is there for millions of dollars less revenue for the County of Douglas and I think that this change is at present not necessary. There is going to be, like I said, arguments to the fact that you cannot change the rest of the system and leave personal property tax on automobiles. I would argue that we treat automobiles differently. They are specifically and separately designated in the Constitution and the ability to do that is there. That, I think, is where the arguments and the discussion should lie on this specific issue. I guess, when that argument comes up my response will be that if you must repeal everything, then why not repeal 775 exemptions to be consistent. That's the next amendment that follows. With that, Madam President,...Mr. Speaker, I would urge for the adoption of the amendment to the amendment. It strikes the motor vehicle fee schedule from the Governor's proposal.