

Legislature, is once an exemption is given, can you ever get it back? Once you provide a tax break, can you ever return that to the tax rolls? I just wonder if anybody can name, I know there are a few examples, but I wonder how many can name actual tax exemptions that were ever returned to the tax rolls. It doesn't happen. And so if you take the Lamb approach, you take everybody off through this legislation. You just might as well forget about getting them back on. The other way, the idea of having them all on, there we can talk about structuring a tax response and an ultimate solution to the problem, although you'll never ultimately solve the tax problem. It will always be here, every year, year in and year out. But, nevertheless, there at least is the more likely prospect of having a solution that would reduce back down and provide those exemptions and, I think, deal with the problem. That's easier to do than putting an exempt category back on the tax rolls. It doesn't happen, we know that, let's not fool ourselves. So my own personal opinion is I plan on supporting the bill. But, if the Lamb amendment is adopted, I don't know, I don't know what I'm going to do, and I don't know what I'd tell the Governor to do. As Senator Will talked about, I don't know if he shouldn't just veto it, because if you go to the route of exempting everybody, you can just pretty well forget about the idea of coming back and doing any more than that in the future. And I don't think that's a solution to the problem, because I think what you get to is the concern over the years about further exemptions for some, and shifting the burden to others, that people are tired of the idea that some get tax breaks and others get tax increases. They don't like that because it's the feeling, again, going back the last few years, LB 775, LB 773, they saw some people getting tax breaks, other people getting tax increases, they didn't like it, they didn't like the motor vehicle fees and what happened with that, we took that off, they're not liking it with this bill and with this question of further exemptions in our personal property tax, because they see somebody is getting off with paying taxes, who is going to pay those taxes, who's going to make up the difference, it's going to be me. And I'm not going to be getting any of those breaks, but I'm going to be getting stuck with the bill. People are tired of that, they're not going to want to pay higher sales tax, Senator Schellpeper, they're not going to want to be paying higher income tax, they're not going to be wanting to pay to make up for what other people are able to do in terms of reducing their tax burden while the general public has to pay an increase in taxes. That's not what they want, that's not what they've had any