

fascination of the state with this and, as usual, you are attacking with a real low-flying scud missile here and I think if it hits the target, it will probably do what it's designed to do. But Senator Lamb, we must have been busy, Senator Lamb, because last year I had drafted an amendment that would do similar to what you wanted to do and that would be to don't take the full step of what Senator Schmit is doing, and Senator Rogers, I guess I should give Senator Rogers...his name appears first on this, but that's to place those employees, the local political subdivision of the school, the teachers, to put them onto the state tax roll and for a philosophic point of view, the philosophic point being that we are having more certification statewide. We're doing projects like LB 91 with funding at the state level, we're beginning to encroach and we start down that path and eventually that's where we're going to get to, so why not do it and get the benefit and that's the property tax relief benefit. But it makes some sense to still keep property tax for certain things and those certain things are the capital assets of the school district. If Wilcox High School wants an Olympic size swimming pool, let them spend their property tax money to build that pool. If they decide that they don't want that capital asset, they don't do it. But the key is that they control the capital assets and those capital assets are paid for by property which are the assets of the county and you have some sense. If you want meaningful property tax relief, the only way to do it in my judgment is to also take away those costs of staff and teachers and put them onto the state area. The administrators I'm not...I haven't worked that through. Quite frankly, I see those as the operators of the capital assets and they've got to manage and do those sorts of things, but that's a firm policy and, Senator Lamb, I think you're right, that maybe you should have dropped that bill in because that probably fits into this scheme a lot better than what Senator Rogers is. Senator Schmit, I may well vote for their amendment, but at some point in time if you're after meaningful property tax relief, I think that's the only way you can do it, but you still have to keep the integrity of building buildings, maintenance and upkeep, you've got to build roads, there is still good reasons to have property tax and you can't get away from that. You shouldn't have personal property tax for all the other reasons we've talked about, but for the system and I think I stand up to join Senator Lamb, that that is one thing that we certainly should consider. I'd urge, Senator Rogers, as you refine this, to put that into the mix because I think that's something that would sell and would receive votes on the floor. Thank you.