

property was, for a short-term solution to a long-term problem, or do we ignore it, and do we say, no, we can't do this because we don't...it's going to get passed on to the little guy? But yet I hear folks standing on a soap box and saying, sales and income tax is okay. Well, if it's okay on a broad-based, across-the-board approach, why isn't it okay for business? Why can't business collect it for us as they purchase these services as well. I think you'd find in legal services virtually at least half, if not more than half are paid by business. They use attorneys to a greater extent than the average Joe does. They're going to pay those. Are they going to pass them on to their customers? Sure they are, just like every other expense they have, they're going to pass on their utility costs, they're going to pass on their mortgage payment, they're going to pass on the guy they pay to keep the lawn clean out front of corporate headquarters, they're going to pass it on. It happens. Why not let them collect a little tax for us in the process. It's sales tax, it's a tax that we have, it's a tax that is out there, that we pay when we buy goods. When we go to get our car fixed, we pay on the parts. When they go get their accounting books fixed, why shouldn't they pay on the services they get. Why shouldn't they pay sales tax on that to help with this problem. When they pay for printing and publishing that makes them money in terms of their business brochures that they put out, this is not on advertising, by the way, when they do that why shouldn't they pay some tax to help. Address this proposal as it's offered. It incorporates the depreciation surcharge, the corporate income tax, and it takes away some exemptions that really are no longer valid, they are no longer valid. There is no difference between the tangible sale of property, in terms of value, and the sale of a service. Those services that I buy when I go to the attorney are just as valuable to me as that oil filter I purchased so I can drive to get to his office. And in many cases they're probably more valuable. Ladies and gentlemen, I would hope that there is going to be substantive debate on this issue, because it is a viable option to fill that gap. And I would hope that we would debate it on its merit and not on the fact that there are those out there, behind the glass, who just don't want to be taxed. They've had the court tell them they don't have to pay tax, now they're going to play defense as long as they can. If we continue to argue and fight about how we take care of a one-year proposal, my God, what we going to do when we have to address our whole tax system? What are we going to do? We're going to fight forever and ever, because this is a proposal that can