

know I find it a little bit interesting, the other day I offered this amendment, and there wasn't much discussion of it, and we didn't deal with it very thoroughly, I didn't think. And there didn't seem to be much interest in discussing it on the floor, and it kind of went down to a glorious defeat. Senator Kristensen, this morning, asked me if I would bring it up again, and I said, Doug, I don't want to bring it up again, there's not much interest in it. And Senator Withem just said to me, what is it about Kristensen, he offers an amendment and everybody is up wanting to talk about it. I think it's...you know, I think the point is the same as the point that we made two days ago when we talked about this. Centrally assessed corporations are not going to lightly take being taxed differently than other corporations in the state are. I spent about eight years working for the Enter North Corporation, now the Enron Corporation. And when I worked there they talked a lot to management about what your obligation is. Your obligation as an employee of a corporation is to create shareholder wealth, that's your number one obligation. You do what you can to raise revenues for the corporation so that it can be returned to the shareholders. There are not corporations, particularly centrally assessed corporations, in this state that are going to idly sit by and allow us to tax them unfairly. They would see it as a violation of their obligation to their shareholders. They are going to say, you're taking us more heavily than you're taxing anyone else. Who pays that tax? The shareholders pay that tax. What's our obligation to that? Well, we ought to call up to the 13th floor, or wherever it is, and get some lawyers looking into it and seeing, you know, what opportunities we have to get some of that money back. You know, corporations want to be good corporate citizens. Corporations want to do good things. Corporations want to employ people, and they want to pay their fair share of taxes, but they damn well don't want to pay any more than the other guy, and they'll do everything they can to defend their right. I think for us to say that we're going to tax some corporations at 2 percent, and then we're going to tax other corporations at 4 percent, on the face of it is unfair, on the face of it they're going to look at it and they're going to say, they're treating us differently, they're not treating us the same, they're not being fair with us, and we're going to pursue our rights. Now, whether or not their rights are going to be found to be true or not is obviously a matter of debate. I think we should, personally, when I offered this amendment two days ago we should have dealt with it then, and we'd be done, and it would be the 90th day and