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amendment which is the 3-R approach. As one of my colleagues like to say all the time, it show card time. I have another saying for it but it's not fit for public consumption in terms of how I would say we need to address this issue, but we have to cut to the chase. There has been all kinds of discussion on what will happen with regard to 1120 when it is debated on the floor, the fact that it doesn't have the wheels, it doesn't have the steam, it will fall flat on the floor. If that's the case, let's make the decision now because, ladies and gentlemen, there are well over a dozen amendments up there on the bill right now and those are going to have to be debated as amendments to the committee amendments. That doesn't include anything that is offered as an amendment to the bill. We're talking about expending probably very close, because we've got a whole another week, another five days, 10 percent tomorrow and then the next week, 10 percent of the session is left in half day increments. Those will be eaten up just with the amendments to the committee amendments in terms of the debate on those. We're talking about expending what amounts to 20 percent of the time that is left when we're looking at half the session being over just debating those amendments. At this point in time I believe that we have no choice but to make a decision and decide which way we are going to go. The technical amendments to 1063 from the Department of Revenue are 173 pages long, 173 pages long. There is nothing substantive in that, it's technical, but that's where we need to spend our time if that is the direction we're going to go. We don't need to spend a week arguing about picking apart 1120 if it doesn't have the wheels. I'm the first one to tell you that. I garner no pleasure out of having 1120 out here with my name on it if we're just going to spend six days on it and then it's not going to fly. If that's the case, if that's where we're at, let's make the decision now. Let's make if up front, let's go in one direction or the other, let's vote it up or down in terms of do we tax personal property or don't we? Whichever direction we decide to go with this vote, that's where we need to spend our efforts, deciding which proposal, which method we want to use as we look at the personal property tax situation for the rest of the session. Now I don't know what is going to happen here. This is a very risky maneuver, if you will because, first of all, the bill...the amendment is an amendment to the committee amendments. It's on General File. It only takes a simple majority of those present and voting to adopt it. It's the most lucrative position you'll want to be in if you've got an amendment before you. So in other words, it puts the proponents of 1063 in the best light possible, and I'm