

offering the amendment. Now I don't know what's going to happen. One of the arguments against this from the the proponents may very well be, well, we don't want 1120. We don't want to use your horse and we don't feel like riding that. We're not sure we're not going to get bucked at some time by you, Senator Hall. Well, I'll take my name off the bill. I'll give it to somebody else if this amendment is adopted, but that doesn't bother me at all. There is no pride of authorship here at all. I'd much rather be in second place to be quite honest with you, much like a car in a stock car race. I'd rather be drafting right now than out front breaking the wind because that's exactly what this issue is. I mean, it's going to be a fight all the way up and down in terms of where we're going to go. We need to cut to the chase, ladies and gentlemen. We need to decide right now this morning which direction we want to go. We've not had that opportunity. We've heard lots of rhetoric. We've had lots of discussion over the summer. We've had public debate across the state. We've had 15 different hearings on proposals that dealt with this issue. The time has come to decide which direction you want to take. It's our responsibility to deal with this. It is the Legislature's responsibility. I mean, one of the arguments is going to be well, the Governor will veto 1120, you can't support that. Ladies and gentlemen, the Governor isn't going to veto anything that addresses the personal property tax problem. He doesn't have the luxury to do that. I wish he did, but he doesn't. No one wants all property, inventory and everything else to go on the tax rolls on their watch. It isn't going to happen. The fact of the matter is though, we have to decide which direction we want to go in. It's time to do that. It's time to do that. I have been very forthright in dealing with 1063. I've been accused of delaying the bill. I've been told that I have not done things in a kosher manner. I guess if you don't think I have, go talk to other members of the Revenue Committee. There is nobody that has been more frustrated than me in trying to pull a proposal out of the committee that folks can agree on that would then start this debate and that's the purpose for my offering this amendment now. Let's start the debate. Let's decide at the beginning which direction we want to go and then focus that debate on a specific path. Let's not do it backwards. Let's not do it backwards because that's exactly what those amendments attempt to do that are up there now. It gives the proponents to 1063 the best possible light to be in in terms of the number of votes that it takes to get this amendment adopted. If we decide to adopt 1063 to the proposal, I'll pull