

earlier, in his concern of everything going back on, he has been here a lot longer than I have and he can see it happening if the income and sales proposition moves ahead. But I can clearly see it happening if the 3-R moves ahead. Now maybe I have only been here for four years, but I am really hearing from my district and hearing it loud and clear that they are not comfortable with the removal of the uniformity clause on personal property. We talk about the people that don't clearly understand, out in the countryside, what is going on. If my public has ever been more informed on a subject, I couldn't tell you when it was. Sure, there is some misconceptions out there, there are a lot of them. But I have never talked to so many people that knew what was going on on any issue, on any issue. And they are clearly saying they prefer a progressive tax plan that will be a long-term tax plan, not just something crafted to get us by again until the next set of lawsuits comes down, but something that will take us into the future, something that is based on the idea that if you make money you pay taxes. Now a lot of people are concerned, a lot of people tell me, well, those dang farmers, you know, they drive new pickups, as Senator Hefner or someone mentioned earlier. They just sit there at the mailbox and get the welfare check and drive new pickups around. That is a perception, especially, I am sure, in the urban areas. But I have lived and worked with farmers my entire life. My brother has 500 people on account at his gas station, and I will guarantee you there are very few millionaires in that group of people, very few, if any. When my dad used to run the gas station, he used to carry the farmers for a year at a time. If they were having a good year, they'd pay off and carry him. If he was having a good year, he'd carry them as long as he could until they had to pay. Nobody is getting rich out there. Oh, there are some that are getting rich on ag, and those are the people that don't want to pay income and sales and even discuss intangibles. Those are the people getting rich on ag. It is not the people in the country. We need to look at expanding a tax base that is good for the whole state. Give us two options, two well-built options, two well-conceived options, and later on in this process, we can choose between two well-crafted pieces of legislation and then decide which we want to do. If you don't have any confidence in your proposal, then continue to try and cripple the other one. Let us do what we need to do with 1120, and then see if you can build something that can compete with it later on down the line. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hefner,