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whichever bill is going to be...going to be the one we put out. It should not have any personal property tax in the bill and I will not vote for any bill that has any personal property tax. If we put out a bill that has personal property tax in it, I think ultimately it will be stricken down no matter what we do with the Constitution; that if we put out a bill, if you feel better putting a constitutional amendment on, if we put out a bill exempting personal property, I would vote for the constitutional amendment. Otherwise, not. It just doesn't work. You go to any district out in my area and universally it's said, it doesn't matter how you do it, raise the sales tax, broaden the sales tax, raise the income tax, whatever is necessary but do not put personal property on the tax rolls. Do not put personal property tax on the rolls. It's the biggest mistake this Legislature could make and will continue to have us in trouble. We're just putting patches on top of patches on the old baling wire, on the old Model-T, and it's not going to go much farther. We're going to have to look for some new tax bases and they are there. They can be identified. I'll be visiting with people about that because there are solutions that we could address that would fix our system, lower property tax and have a fair system. But I would urge you to leave 1063 in committee. If the committee can get together and decide to bring it to the floor, they can do that themselves. We don't have to do it here on the floor. Thank you very much. And just a minute. And I would yield the balance of my time to Howard Lamb.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Lamb, you have two minutes.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members, I just wanted to respond briefly to a statement that Senator Warner made that he couldn't understand why I thought the bill was, I believe he said, basically flawed when I had many of those same components in my bill. But I don't recall that I ever did say that the 3-R proposal was basically that flawed. My opposition to it has stemmed primarily from the fact that agriculture pays more than I think it should under that bill. And I think you will remember way last summer I...I said publicly that with certain amendments on it or certain other provisions that I could support that concept. And so I brought forth the bill, LB 1150, which has those concepts in it. And my problem now, of course, is that the Governor...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.