

hound. I'm not trying to be the one who is...goes down in history as saying, I solved the tax problem, because there is not one single initiative in my amendment that I created. I didn't think it up. As I said to Senator Kristensen, I don't know exactly the answers to all of his questions. I am attempting in a...procedurally, to get us past the silly debate over whether the bill number is 1120 or 1063 and cut to the chase and get to the issue. I don't know whether the service taxes in there are absolutely the appropriate ones. The exemptions that Senator Schellpeper asked for, I don't know if those are the appropriate exemptions, but they're worth discussing. And every minute we waste trying to continue to posture in our coalitions, we're not getting to the chase. We're not cutting to the chase and there are some good proposals out there. Senator Conway has a proposal he told me about at the very beginning of the session which is an excellent one, it seems to me. Senator Warner has a good proposal. Now, come on, and someone else could have done this, someone else could have put these amendments up, but I guess I am slightly resentful of being told that because I put these amendments up, because it's Brad Ashford that put them up, that somehow I'm trying to take this issue away from anybody, and I'm not. And I'm sorry if there is a 3-R Committee and I'm sorry I wasn't on the 3-R Committee and I'm sorry I didn't work all summer at this. I have acknowledged to Senator Withem that he worked very hard and did an excellent job. The Governor has done an excellent job. Tim Hall has done an excellent job at looking at creating alternative revenue. Instead of sitting here and looking at all these old-fashioned ways of doing things, let's get together and break these coalitions and sit down and get this thing resolved. That's all I'm doing. As soon as we do that, I'm sure that I will be out of the picture, I'm sure my name will not appear in the World-Herald. I'm sure I will be out of the tax debate and that's fine. But I think it's important that we do this and I'm sorry it was my amendment,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...I apologize that my name is on it. But I'll tell you we debated a very difficult issue last year on gun control, an issue I spent five years on, and Senator Schellpeper came to me and he said, let's work this out and we worked it out. Now Senator Schellpeper and I looked at this again and said, let's try and work this out. Neither of us are part of any particular coalition, let's just work this out. So if we