

form of a constitutional amendment, it will be the people themselves, the same kind of people that came down in big numbers to talk about alternative taxing methods before the Revenue Committee. Those are the kinds of folks at the grass roots level that are going to beat this all to hell. They're going to beat it straight up, no matter how much money you throw at the proposal because they're always going to win. They've got a vested interest. The people who are supporting the 1063 proposals only have an interest in the bottom line. They only have an interest in what the shareholders think. They only have an interest in how much is left in the bank account at the end of the year to pay for their benefits, their bonuses and the shareholders profits. The people back home worry about who is paying the tax? I don't have the benefit to write that off is what they're going to say. I don't have the benefit of a depreciated asset. All I do is go to work, all I do is have F.I.C.A. taken out, have the state income tax, the federal income tax, all I do is go to the store and pay the sales tax and all I do is look at how much my property tax bill costs me twice a year, or how I'm paying it and actually having to pay interest on it maybe depending on my loan set up. That's what they see and those are the people that are going to go to the polls and those are the people that are going to vote and they're going to look at this proposal that has been put together and crafted in 1063 and the accompanying constitutional amendment and they're going to say, who does this represent? It represents 3 percent of all the revenue that is raised in this state and they're going to say, phooey, why do we need it, why do we need it? So what if it all goes back on? So what if it all goes back on? I don't have the ability, I don't have the Legislature down there carving out exemptions for me. They are not willing to do that even though I represent all the people in this state, 1063 and the constitutional amendment that goes with it only represents a few people in the state, a few people that pay personal property tax that don't want to have to pay it on everything in a uniform manner. If uniformity is what we want, let's uniformly put it all back on. Let's uniformly put it on at a different rate, at a lower rate. That's what the court was saying. Or let's exempt it all because that's what the court was saying too and that's what the Constitution allows this body to do. What you do by supporting 1063 and what you do by supporting the constitutional amendment is argue that the Legislature doesn't have the power to tax and to exempt, the Legislature doesn't have the power to classify. That's not true, we do. That's not true, we do have that ability. We're