

direction to go. In fact, we are marching in place. There seems to be a mind set that says we're going to give you this type of a bill whether you like it or not. There seems to be an acceptance by those individuals upon whom it is being imposed that, after all, there isn't anything we can do about it. Well, I want the record to show there is something that can be done. I want those individuals who say they do not like 1063 to participate in the process to the extent that they deem advisable, but certainly this amendment is not a frivolous amendment. This is a very serious amendment. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will...very likely millions will be collected under one guise or another without any direction from the State Tax Commissioner, without any opinion from the Attorney General. County attorneys, we are told, have recommended to some of their county boards that they can refund these taxes. Ladies and gentlemen, based upon limited personal experience, that will be a new one if a county attorney can tell a local county board or a county treasurer to write out a check to the Napier Brothers for the difference in the taxable valuation and the tax that was owed based upon the existing statute and based upon 1063 if it becomes law or far better, based upon no tax being due if we repeal the personal property tax altogether. We are once again continuing to operate in the same vacuum that existed a year ago when members of this body said, oh, we don't need to do anything about 829, we can act on that, we'll be all right, no problem at all. We'll act in the first few months. I suggested then that the responsible action would have been to have extended the termination date of 829, even though I did not support the bill. We did not do that. Instead, we allowed it to become...to expire December 31 of 1991. So now we're wringing our hands. We're saying we've got to do something, it's all back on. Those individuals who have the same point of view that I have who did not want to tax personal property ought to have thought about it a year ago. Had they extended the termination date of 829, the tax would not all be back on at the present time. You would not be faced with these collections of taxes which may be illegal. You would not have the wide divergence of opinion as to whether taxes ought to be collected or not. Now you can argue about a lot of amendments, ladies and gentlemen. You can argue about whether Schmit is sincere or not sincere, but in this one instance there can be no argument. You ought to try to clarify the statute. If you don't like this amendment, amend it. If you don't like the way it is drawn, do it in your own way, in your own words. If you have a better understanding of the statute, then act, but