

it is 'cause they know that. They're going to have to pay this one. They can't get out of it. They would be and they will be and it's only a matter of time before they are out of 1063. The sales taxes fall on the business area. Even the proponents of 1063 say we're going to be in this arena at some point. The question is, why not now? Why not now? Why not deal with it responsibly and deal with it with a tax base that's going to last into the future? The other areas of sales tax exemptions, 10 million of it falls on individuals, as it should. There should be some portion that individuals pay. We seem to continually forget that household items were exempt for individuals in terms of personal property. They've been exempt for a number of years. They were one of the first exemptions granted and we keep saying that, well, individuals shouldn't have to bear the brunt of this business tax, as we argue in support of 1063. That's, you know, that's fallacious argument at best because the fact of the matter is, is that this issue is one that is going to fall back on the individuals, whether it be a sales tax on the energy, whether it be a sales tax on cleaning, whether it be a net book value under 1063. Any business that stands to survive has to figure out those expenses and work them into their costs. They pay it, they pay it and figure it into the cost of the sale to the individual who's ultimately consuming their product, whatever it may be, or their service. That's the way business functions. That's the way this operation ought to be addressed and say, what's the fairest tax system, instead of saying, how do we go about addressing this problem and call it the least disruptive. Ladies and gentlemen, it's going to be disruptive. Any...I, you know, we change taxes in here in some form or...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ..fashion every year and we're going to call 1063 the least disruptive, but we have to have a constitutional amendment to put it in place. Imagine that! I've not seen a tax proposal that said, change the constitution, in the short time that I've served here, and I guess this is the least disruptive. All this is is an alternative to that that says, look, you know, let's give the homestead exemption to the people who we want to protect; let's look at some limited business taxes and let's let the balance fall on business real estate, whether it be ag or whether it be business, commercial business. That's where the tax is falling off in terms of personal property. That's where it ought to lie. It's going to be