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there is a better way to change it, I don't have many corporate attorneys writing my legislation like some in here do. I would welcome their input if they can do it better. So let's forget about that. We know it can be done and it's not that difficult to do it. Secondly, Senator Withem inferred that LR 219 was consistent with the resolutions that failed last summer and you know there is a vast difference there. You know at that point in time we were talking about getting...exempting it all, forgetting the status quo or items like that. LR 219 puts in the Constitution a whole new method of taxation of personal property. It's got some other options there, yes, but it is something entirely different than that last year. Also, Senator Withem, as he mentioned, if you can exempt it all with 219, does he agree that we can exempt it all now without a court problem? I suggest that he probably does not. Thirdly, Senator Withem, who was consistent about last summer, you and Senator Will and Senator Lynch came to me and said, we want a dual alternative out there. That's what we like, that's how we want to solve this problem and what did I say? I said, I want one to be all off and I do want to describe what the other one is. I'm consistent, I still would like to. You've won on that battle. You've won. You've got the resolution you want on the board. You won that one. You know, I would like to have it something other than that. You're the one that said, you know, I'm the one being inconsistent, I am being very consistent. Unfortunately, you beat me on it. It's still the same. The way to get around the problem, the way to get the 40 votes is to lay options out. I agreed with you then. I agree with you now. The thing we disagreed on, I preferred to have all meaning all as opposed to what LR 219 does, but I'm as consistent then as I am now. I think that is a way, and at that point in time as I told the people that came to me then is that I think we ought to try and find a good way to get 40 votes. I don't like alternatives, but if it gets it out of the box, let's look at it. And I think Senator Withem and I have both introduced differing resolutions in the summer's special session, we were turned down and we didn't get 40 votes and so time and time again, without doing something like this, we give the voters a chance to decide. We've never gotten the 40 votes. I don't think we are this time unless we do something like this again. Proposed funding source, LB 1120 is bracketed until March 16, next week. If you want to pass them both and if you want to lay out the most rancid funding source possible with 25 votes, you can do that and that will once again assure that it won't pass. So what are you afraid of? What on earth are you afraid of