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strength are ultimately going to have things their way. When time comes to determine who will pay taxes and who will not, the ones with the power are going to win and we'll have a bill closer to their desire but a question has been in my mind ever since this discussion about LB 1063 or whatever the number of the bill is, and this constitutional amendment has been before us. There are people who don't like 1063. They don't feel that the Legislature is pursuing the proper course, but they say they're going to vote for 219. Now without 219 with the Constitution existing in the form that it does, there is a restraint on the Legislature in terms of what it can do with reference to taxation. If, with the restraint of the Constitution, the Legislature does that which is not desired, what will happen at the hands of that same Legislature when you remove the restraint? I was talking to a young man earlier today and I told him by analogy what I saw. The Legislature is a security guard protecting the interests of the public. So there is a jewelry store which the Legislature is guarding. Senator Hall is standing there with his uniform on, his pistol on his side, his cap with the shiny bill on it, boots polished and guys come up to the front door with wheelbarrows and they take everything out of the front door of the jewelry store that they can with the wheelbarrow and Senator Hall stands there. They find out that there is a back door, double doors, and if you remove this fence then you can back a semi up to the back door and take everything out of the store. So the security guard helps take down the fence, watches the semi back up to the building, clean it out and drive away. Then the people who hired the security guard will say how and why did this happen? But what is in the mind of the security guard? I have no way of knowing. I offered an analogy to show the way the picture looks to me and I ask again, if there are people on this floor who don't like 1063, and I'm not going to expose my hand, you won't know what I'm going to do till I do it and things are in too much of a state of flux at this time for me to get involved. I'm above the fray. You have to know when to hold them, know when to fold them. That's an original comment, Senator Chizek. It's the inflection that makes it unique. But if there are those on this floor who feel that if 1063 passes, the Legislature...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...has behaved in a way that is irresponsible, inappropriate or unfair, if 219 is submitted to