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morning because of the 9 dollar tax, 9 dollar per year tax saving they're going to get on their homes. I would think that they would be super excited about that based...following the extremely liberal treatment they received under 1059. I would hope that they spend that \$9 per year wisely because they have certainly deserved it and they will need it to help pay the taxes that they incurred under 1059. My concern has been expressed many times on this floor, but what I have done I have done on this floor and I have done following the rules. I did not have to break the rules, very frankly, to invoke cloture. Did not have to break the rules to do anything else. Nor did I promise any chairmanships, nor did I threaten anyone else's bill, nor did I threaten or promise, either threaten to withhold, or promise to deliver additional financial support to a district to secure a single vote. If the press were as vigilant as they are supposed to be they ought to know these things are going on because they have been going on for months. This bill and the constitutional amendment would not have the votes needed to pass had it not been for that action. There will be angry denials. There will be all sorts of vicious attacks, but the record is clear. When this bill goes to Final Reading and when 219CA goes to Final Reading, it will be most interesting to see how many more votes those bills receive on final reading than they received previously. The 30 votes for the constitutional amendment has to expand to 40. Now were those votes against the advancement of the bill...of the constitutional amendment, were they just political votes? Were they cover your fanny votes? Or were they sincere votes? Are they votes you can go back home and tell the folks in Bellwood, well, I voted against the bill far as I could, but at the last minute, because of the dire need of the state, I decided not to? I am sure you read the article in the paper this morning. Senator Dennis Baack said, this is not the end of the world of the CA doesn't pass; we can still take care of it. Of course we can. The facts are that the coalition that has been in operation for some time is in operation today and they have drafted a tax policy that will increase your tax load substantially for years to come and they really do not care. And, in fact, that is probably the reason behind the bill and the reason behind the constitutional amendment. Those who believe otherwise are either naive or have not followed the procedure in this body very long. I think it's important to know that if and when the bill passes, and it probably will, that there will be...