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proposal is, it's still a \$100 million problem. We talk about what confusion there is in the state over this issue. And I guess I understand what we're doing to the local level. I guess, you know, if you're worried and concerned about what's going to happen at the local level, read 1063 and the contortions that we ask those individuals to go through there in implementing this new system. There is going to be much confusion with the passage of the CA, if it takes place in November as it currently sits. LB 1063 is currently passed out of this body and awaiting signature by the Governor with enough votes to become law upon that signature. It's just a matter of time. The issue of whether or not the CA ought to be on the ballot in May or in November, I think, you know, we talk, and we all talked, and I'm as guilty as anybody of using numbers that can't be justified with the point of a pencil, because we don't know. One thing we will know is by November we'll know what the figures are. The figures will be in, people will have filled out their forms, they will have reported, they will know what affect it has in terms of the personal property and the taxes that they may have to pay. That will be the time and the only time, because it will not happen prior to a May ballot issue, that will be the time when the voters can best give an informed decision on the issue on which way they want to go. That's the only time. You don't give them that opportunity in May. And no one has talked about that today, but that's a fact. They won't have that ability until then. The local governmental officials will have the time, by November, to get around to putting those numbers together. It won't happen in May. And what it's going to be is perception over fact, no matter which side of the issue you're on. Whether you're out there champion on behalf of 219, or you're out there opposing it, it's going to be one's best argument against another's best argument, and neither are going to be truly based on fact, because the facts aren't going to be in yet. The reports aren't going to be in. The levies aren't going to be set. Individuals may look at it and say, well, this isn't as big an issue as everybody proclaims it to be. And I truly believe that's what they will find out come November. Now, that's just my opinion. So, I mean until folks get to see how it affects them personally, how are they going to vote? Nobody knows, but that's what we're asking through the reconsideration motion, is to give them an opportunity to vote in the dark, to vote blindly on this issue. The only thing we can tell them is what they read in the 219CA, and that's the equal protection doesn't apply, uniformity doesn't apply, the issue of special legislation doesn't apply as it does to every

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