

dollars. The tax I pay on that is \$4.50. See, there is no rhyme or reason to it. I'd gladly pay the 10 bucks for that old car. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Will, on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR WILL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hate the bill as well, but I would support the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Robak.

**SENATOR ROBAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Elmer, that was a nice analogy you gave about driving...buying a new car or as opposed to a used car, I think you were stating. My constituent who said she was driving a car that is 10 years old is not buying anything. She is driving this car because she can't afford a car. And I don't think she is driving a Thunderbird. Now I did like your response, Owen, if you'd be glad to craft that for me somehow, that if it sounds like she could afford one, I'd be glad to have you do that. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Conway.

**SENATOR CONWAY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Given the direction of the way things are setting, and I have yet to have my ten minute opening, it looks like I am going to take it in five minute chunks, as associated with the committee amendments, in order to work things in. What I would like to start talking about to begin with is why the change. Our current system relies on supposedly the average value adjusted once a year. If you were to take a vehicle, and in looking at some of the problems with our current system, if you were to take a two-year old vehicle right now, let's say a Ford Mustang, and you went out to purchase this Ford Mustang, and it was two years old, sitting on a lot, driven to church by a little old lady once a week, beautiful condition, never been outside overnight, that car would be taxed under the value base the same as if you would buy a two-year old blown-out State Patrol Mustang that has been rolled over the 90,000 mark, and turned back in, driven hard, put away muddy on a daily basis, and yet that tax would be the same on those two vehicles. That is one of the problems I see with the so-called ad valorem tax that we currently have because it is only scheduled once a year. So if you went out and bought