

million dollar deal. Walk away and bring it to the body and say this is what we have got to do. And Senator Warner is right, and I respect him for this. He is saying your choice is either you do nothing. They may end up paying nothing because they may litigate and win. Lo and behold, they finally recognized that they may win, and this arguably is from some sort of, I understand, an agreement, makes it better, but at least they are going to pay \$4 million. And finally, they are going to pay \$4 million. And one of the criticisms, you know, Senator Hall and the depreciation add-back scheme had the railroads paying much, much, much more. They would have paid much more under those schemes. They would have litigated that, too, obviously, but, you know, what is going on here? You simply, as I have said time and time again, we are going to change the Constitution under the name of fairness and uniformity, and Senator Warner will continue to say the uniformity clause is still intact, but as we know, we are not going to treat all taxpayers the same. We are going to treat all depreciable property the same henceforth with two exceptions, mainframe computers and corporate jets, since there is no ag processing equipment, and now we are going to give different treatment to the railroads. Where is it going to end? Where is it going to stop? At least, historically, since 1970, at least, this Legislature, in my opinion, has tried to have some rational form of classification, even though it certainly has failed to meet that Supreme Court test we tried to do. We tried to have, classify like properties alike. This amendment would continue that policy, which I think is a very fair, very defensible policy, saying we are going to treat all these types of property alike. And I think if you don't adopt my amendment, one thing you are going to have a lawsuit. Not on the state...you are going to total, in my opinion, my opinion only and it is probably worth nothing, in my opinion, you have totally bastardized the State Constitution. You don't have to worry about a lawsuit there anymore, but I am sure these public service utilities will eventually file suit in federal court under the equal protection clause. Our State Supreme Court has already argued already we may...they've hinted we have a problem there. Why don't we solve the problem up front and treat them the same as well, and say we are going to...what is good for the railroad is good for all people, at least in their own class, let's treat them all alike. I think that makes sense. I think it is the fair thing to do. Does it cost money? Well, obviously, if you believe, if you believe the Revenue Department's number in LB 1063, this amendment may cost up to