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take out my frustrations on 1063 and LB 1, I probably can't do that. I'd really like to. But I think it's also important to remember, you go back to 829, you go back to June 5th, 1991, we passed LB 829, but we did not pass the companion constitutional amendment to go to the ballot. And I don't think we should forget that. The reason we're here is we didn't do that. Now, sure, we can say the voters would have never passed on it. But think about the fact that administration called them terrorists, I won't, that was...that person has been changed now. But remember, the speeches that the opponents of that measure gave. So we're going to pass 829, the one year deal, but we're not about to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot, because we feel the homeowners in our districts and this state are getting a raw deal with 829, they're getting a raw deal if we put this in the Constitution. That's what has been said time and time again, that's why many people like me should take a lesson from them and not give the 33rd vote today, not give the 40th vote for a constitutional amendment again this year. I should have learned my lesson, you win by acting like that. But the comments were time and time again the homeowner, we have to do something better for the homeowner. So what do we do? We've had two years of uncertainty in tax policy in the State of Nebraska, now maybe, maybe with 1063, Amendment 1, it's come into place. But what happened to the homeowner that we went off the brink for? We passed the constitutional amendment, we passed the bill. But what did it do? In those districts it raised the homeowner's tax, it didn't lower it, didn't save them, didn't help them. We passed a bill and LB 1063 that raised the homeowners' taxes in Lincoln, in Omaha, and Sarpy County. It did it, the facts are in there. And we passed Amendment 1 through blackmailing people into saying you don't have any other choice. We passed Amendment 1 with what I would call outright deceit in the campaign, saying you're going to get the big boys and your tax is going to go down, and that's how it all happened. I lost and that's fine. I would love to come back here and kick the dog and vote against LB 1. I don't think LB 1 is necessary from a tax point of view. I do think it's probably necessary from a budget point of view. I have great concerns about the diversity and surcharge component of LB 1. I certainly would have preferred the depreciation add-back formula, that should have been in the bill. But heaven forbid, we couldn't have done that because that was what all the evil things were said about that proposal when Senator Hall and people like myself wanted to put that in LB 1063 last year. So we couldn't do that, so we've got LB 1. I mean the fact is LB 1