

and they are even talking on the radio about the ability of the Legislature to ram these bills through to give hundreds of millions of dollars in benefits to big companies but they can't seem to do anything for the ordinary property holder or taxpayer, and I think those concerns are valid. But I've never been one to say slash property taxes, that cannot be done, it will not be done. But there ought to be some consideration given to the public by not ramming these kind of bills through in the way that they are and as loosely drafted as they are. I want to make clear a point that I had discussed earlier because I could have left a misconception. I had talked about Initiative 300 as it ties into these kind of bills. With Initiative 300, a packing plant cannot have a confinement operation. They cannot engage in anything pertaining to agriculture. But if 300 is taken away, then the plant can use 829 or LB 830, whichever is most beneficial, and expand or build an addition or put a branch someplace and have farmland, operational farms declared blighted and substandard, and nobody on this floor can convince me that that will not happen. I look at what the Legislature is doing right now in the process of constructing a system whereby you take private property from one private owner and give it to another; some will stand on this floor and say, but that will not happen. Yes, it will happen and I have become more entrenched in my support for Initiative 300 as a result of these bills. I don't trust the Legislature, Senator Hillman. I don't trust the Legislature at all. We know that the number of farmers is diminishing as the number of individual farms diminishes, and since they are not a political force because they lack the numbers, they lack the votes, who cares about them. The money is what will talk, and as Deep Throat said during the Watergate problems, follow the money, that is what this Legislature is doing. Have you seen them make any drastic attempts, such as this, to help old people who have trouble providing heat, fuel, or even get that homestead exemption where perhaps it ought to be. That is something and those types of things are not that important, but you let some well-heeled, big-shot in wing-tied shoes come to this Legislature and say, boys and girls, do what I tell you to do, it will be done. Here's where Micron is smart. If they are going to expend over a billion dollars to build a plant, do you all think they are as silly and dumb as this Legislature, and as of this day they...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.