

thoughts that other states have pursued that have been very successful. And I hope that sometime the Legislature can get off of the siren sound that we hear as we sail down through the seas of tax incentive issues and put some plugs in our ears and think through and see the fact that other states are doing things differently and finding some great success as a result of that. What we constantly are doing in this Legislature is having the chamber come in and say, respond to this, this state has got this tax break, well, we've got to match it. Well, every state around us has got some advantage over us. And as we try to respond to everything that level playing field...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...is exactly where we'll be, because we'll level the tax rates and there won't be any, and we'll end up having to find revenues somehow, and where they're found is over in the personal side, the individuals out there. The tax shifts onto the individual homeowner, the individual taxpayer has been the result of, I think, a lot of the changes and putting loopholes and tax breaks into the law. So again, in my view, again we have to look at this broader. If we're going to do a study, as Senator Warner says, let's include everything on the table, not just Senator Beutler's idea of doing the corporate tax rate increase. I support the Beutler amendment, he's making a point that needs to be made. Every time you give a tax break you lose the revenue, it's got to be made up somewhere else. Either you cut the budget, which we've seen is not easy to do, or you find the revenues from somebody else, you raise fees, you raise taxes on somebody else and then they get unhappy. But unfortunately they don't have the strength to come back down here and fight against that, whereas the chamber and others can come in here and fight and win time after time to get this break and that break. And so those of us who stand up against that, it's not easy. We understand the political power involved,...

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...nevertheless, we raise concern and ask you to as well, and I support the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Brashear, your light is next.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature,