

have anything but good feelings for the university, and certainly support education to the fullest that I can. My opposition is somewhat probably different than some of you. I have to go back to people in my district who are in the present time suffering untold misery because of the excessive rain and the inability to get crops in the ground, low prices for livestock, and then to be able to explain to them that somebody else ought to be able to move up with their dollars is real difficult for me to justify. I certainly have some reluctance in feeling this way because I understand and do appreciate the university and the wonderful job that it does and certainly do not cast my vote as an indication of opposition to the university system in any way. It is just that it is a situation that I find myself in that's very difficult to deal with, the same as the last vote was. When you have people who are sacrificing at the present time and trying to figure out how they are going to pay their bills and pay their taxes on their land in order to stay in existence, and those people certainly make their wishes known to you in very strong terms, and that has happened over this past week because the discussion about the possibility of overrides and how it would affect them in their situation, and the fact that with tying all these things together, we find ourselves with less sales tax money and less income tax money could certainly put us in a position later on in the year where we will find that there isn't as much money as we had anticipated and it will certainly make the situation more difficult as we move through into the next year. I wish that I could have a more of an optimistic attitude toward the whole process, but I have to be a realist and understand this is exactly what is happening in my particular area of the state, where, as I said earlier, the excessive rains have caused hardly any crops to be planted, and those that are planted are certainly not flourishing to any degree, and, as a result, the incomes will be down, and these people are taking a real hit. And because they are my constituents and they are the people that I have to look to for guidance, I find myself in this unenviable position of having to cast a no vote for any of the overrides today because that situation actually exists in my area, much to my discernment and the fact that it is something that we can't do anything about. So that... I am just trying to indicate not anything negative toward the university or any of the other programs that were discussed earlier, but certainly a personal position that's been brought to my attention by many of my constituents, and I thought I needed to clarify that. Thank you.