

it was not stupidity that led to the drafting of the amendment in the way it was drafted. I say that it would be stupid to leave it like that when we know that it cannot be done, and we say over and over, it cannot be done, it cannot be done, but we are telling the Governor to do it knowing it cannot be done. Suppose he went out on the campaign trail and he used the debate that we've had on this floor, and we are worried about our image, some people are. He'd say, look what those fools do down there. This is why I have to put out a tax program because they haven't got sense enough to do it. They write a law that they say I can't comply with, then they tell me but comply with it, try to do it anyway. Now if they cannot handle something as simple and elementary as this, why should we trust them to do anything with property taxes. They cannot even grasp the intricacies. They don't understand it. It's beyond their ken. And he'd have the Legislature, but he wouldn't have me because, see, I am not carrying water for the Governor. I am not trying to be in good with anybody, so I don't have to voluntarily suspend my judgment and my knowledge and go along with something that I know is totally unreasonable. Before we, as old people, want to do so much talking about how little children are learn...how small an amount children are learning in school, we ought to check our knowledge. When we say they don't know anything about geography, they cannot name three western European countries. Can you? Well, you say, I am not expected to know that. They don't know anything about math. Do you? Well, I am not expected to know. You didn't learn anything in school, so they are just following the path that you cut. When they do little hypocritical things, meaning they lie to you, you lie. When you say they are moved by their peers to do those things that are not wise, you do the same thing. Why should they listen? They watch us and dismiss us like that. It doesn't take them long either, and they ought to. We are not examples of what we talk about. We say you should learn English. You should learn how to express yourself clearly. Read the debates that occur on this floor and read the discussion in committee and it will sound like people who are just picking words at random and just putting them together, then stopping when they have said a certain number. There is no subject, there is no predicate. We are not examples of how the language ought to be spoken. They say make English the official language. The people who are saying make it the official language can't speak it as well as I do, and it is not my indigenous tongue. English is from Europe. Look at my