

of you out there who thinks this, these are the, this is the method that should be used to get to where we want to go this next year, if we're going to do it just with decreasing current programs and shifting funds, this is how we would do it. The joint committee would say, this is how we would do it. The second option would be to again assume that a roughly equivalent replacement revenue is going to be provided for whatever the next step is. And then assume that that will be reached by increased taxation or fees by one method or another. So option two you could look at, well, if we just want to do this by increasing taxes, here's the recommendation of the committee of how you would do it that way. As a practical matter, probably you and I know that neither of those pure forms of dealing with the problem would ever be would ever be enacted. But it clarifies thinking and for those of us who are not involved in the process shows what the alternatives are in each, in each particular case. But what I ask for and what will be most meaningful in the process, I ask the joint committee to give their recommended next step, their recommended plan. And probably that will include some of option A, option one, and some of option two, I mean theoretically it could be just option one or option two. That probably won't be the case, it'll probably be a combination of those assumptions. Plus it'll be a decision not to replace all the revenue, that'll be built in. And there may be some restructuring provisions built in too. All of those things will probably be built in to the actual recommended plan that comes up. But what I'm trying to do is to give some institutional form to the valiant effort that Senator Warner has made to bring us all together in a kind of ad hoc and unstructured way to deal with this problem in the first instance. And we've learned a lot from that. But I think that there, that if we're really serious about this that we have to institutionalize the process, put certain people in charge of presenting us with reasonable alternatives, doing the research on it, figuring out what the implications of these things might be, and recommending to us a best plan for the next step in the process. And until we build something like that into this, just as I think we need to build in some kind of time line in on this, if we're not willing to do these two things, to me, we are not serious about this. We're not giving the message either to ourselves or to the public that we're serious about this. So, again, I'd ask for your reflections on the process aspect of this whole system and how it should work and whether something like this doesn't make some sense. Thank you.