

the problem is a perception, if there's a perception there's a property tax problem, there is one. And so I think that's what we've done first and foremost with this resolution to say, yes, we have a problem. And then they're looking at what the solutions would be, which was LR 93, was one of the solutions, and there are others as the resolution have mentioned here, have some solutions through the petition process and whether or not those are the correct solutions or not. Then we go on to talk about the goals that we would like to see achieved to solve this problem. I think the important part that we look at right now is what we can agree upon. To talk about all the things we can disagree about, I think we could spend all kinds of time. And what happens to you when you're trying to solve problems, if you look at all those things you can't agree on, you never get to the place where you talk about some consensus and what you can agree on. This would be the starting point. It's broad, I think it should stay broad. I think your time lines, your action plans, your objectives and all those will come about as we move through the process. But at this point in time, it's important that we talk about those things that we agree upon. And I think we agree that there is a problem out there, that there is something that we need to do. And as a body, we say that there is one and here's some goals that we hope to achieve to solve that problem. So instead of dwelling on all the things we cannot agree upon, what I think we need to look at is, is there enough things in here that we can agree on that we can accept this resolution, move forward to it, and then get down to the work and how we're going to fulfill those goals that are laid out in the resolution. And looking at Senator Beutler's amendment here, and I've not looked at it really closely, I looked at the one before, I think a lot of time lines and looking at more detailed outline of what it is we're going to do at this point may bog us down so that we can't get to that point. So I'm going to say if it's kept broad enough, that we can all agree on the issue here that property tax is a problem, here are some things we can do to address it or have goals to do that we could do and then we will start getting into I think time lines and the nitty gritty. So at this point I would, not addressing necessarily the Beutler amendment, but the resolution as a whole, be in support of it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Am I the last light?