

let us do it. Maybe they will, but those groups that opposed the food tax because it's a staple that people need to survive will still be there. And I could go on and on on the taxes. What are you personally going to do that you feel your public will support you? And I believe, in my heart, when you do that, you don't have a clue. I don't have a clue because there aren't any clues out there with the exception of, they don't know either. So if you are going to start on the road where you need the dollars, and you are not willing, necessarily to do any of those; not to just say, I will be willing to think about it, but in your heart know, yes, I will vote, elections or not, to increase taxes. Even if I'm up for election, I will vote to increase taxes because at some point half of us all the time are up. I mean if it's not this group that's not up, or that's up, it will be the next group next time. If you are not willing to do it during an election year, we can't hold the line here in the body. So that's why I'm bringing this for a discussion because I firmly believe that when you do this to the community colleges, and to other entities, it is easier to show on the community colleges, I don't believe we're really serious about funding it. I think we are willing to put it off because we will find a way later, but ask yourself, do you really...are you really dedicated to find that way when it comes to actually increasing money. And this will be a time when the federal government, if they balance the budget, it's been guesstimated, the state will lose somewhere around \$300 million. How much of that are we going to try to make up? How much of that are we just going to say, sorry, we're not going to do any of those things anymore? How much of that are we going to try to increase taxes to make up for some of that? How much are we going to cut the university system, or whatever, in order to fund some of that stuff? All of those are going to be around during this time period, and the one thing we are telling the people is the thing that we have not admitted ourselves. We are telling the people they have to cut services if they are going to cut property taxes. We have to admit ourselves, if we are going to pick up those things, or we are going to handle the federal government side on reductions, we have to cut services. We cannot increase the taxes to the point we can cover all these things, and where are you going to be when the bell tolls on community colleges? Because if you do community colleges, you are not going to be able to do something else, and we all know when it comes to push and shove, whoever has the biggest hammer and the loudest squeak is going to get the dollars, and the