

go back to the old statement, it depends on whose ox is being gored. Now, if the rural interests are to be gored on behalf of everybody else who's not a member of the rural interest getting what they want, that's all right. But then those who are in the rural interest or representing the rural interest and their ox is to be gored and they're trying to protect their interest, suddenly this becomes venial and evil. When they talk about this 292 being the centerpiece of their package, I don't owe it to them to support their package and I don't support other bills that they've offered. I'm not like some of my colleagues on this floor who go along to get along because some people in the Revenue Committee have worked hard, which a lot of people have done. I've got to go along and accept what they bring out here for us. As for what Senator Wesely said, it only means we're playing hardball now. It's not going where you throw easy lobs up to the Revenue Committee and they knock the ball out of the park and get everything the way they want it and we're being responsible because we accept what they tell us is best for everybody, even though it's best for the "everybodies" that they have an interest in supporting. Now Senator Withem is right when he says it's going to take 30 votes. Well, if they manage to get 25 people to reconsider what we've just done then I think those people who voted for Senator Schrock's amendment ought to let them know that we are not the ones who have to r 'l over and play dead. They need 30 votes and they need to understand that. We all can count and we don't need the laptop computer back there to calculate how many votes shy of 49 it takes to leave them with only 29 or fewer. So hardball is what we're playing. There already is a provision in 292 that allows them to set different tax rates on different classes of property and Senator Beutler and I were discussing that and he was saying that, but it doesn't have to do with taking out one class of property as we did with Senator Schrock's amendment and assessing the value. You can do it two ways. You can do it with what you assess the value of the property at, or you can do it by the rate that you set in terms of the tax. You can do it either way and you can favor more people under what's in 292 than you can with Senator Schrock's amendment. Senator Schrock's amendment deals with one classification of property. We know what we're dealing with. You see how UP comes in here and kicks the stuffing out of the Legislature and gets what they want. You see how ConAgra did it and all these other big corporations will be able to do it (coughs) excuse me, under what you find in 292 already (coughing) excuse me, by allowing the setting of different tax