

something that is the hot button issue this year. It'll be the hot button issue in the primary and the general election. It will be the issue that will make or break candidates here in the Legislature as well as for other offices. And in talking to people on property taxes they really have a difficult time understanding why they continually go up and up and up. Now, to me it's pretty easy and I explained it to them. I say, well, government spends more money so they raise, raise their property taxes to help fund government. But to the most of the people that I talk to that are upset by it, that doesn't work. And those people will probably go out there and they'll sign the petitions and they'll vote for those petitions. And there's really not much we can do about it. But we're looking to the people there that hopefully have children in school, have a vested interest in their school, or they have grandchildren, or they're very actively involved in their community and they understand that sometimes taxes do go up and sometimes there's really...there's good things that government does do to help educate our children, to pave our streets, to keep cities properly maintained. And I guess we're focusing in on those types of people. Those are the people that are on the bubble there and they're going to be sitting in there going, when they get their property tax bill, and they're looking at it, and they're saying...or they read the news accounts about how property taxes have gone up by a certain percentage. And they're going to be walking into that ballot, they're going to be walking in to vote, and they're going to be thinking about that. And they're going to be thinking about the good things that government does for them, but they're also going to be thinking about how we raise property taxes and how we made a big ado during this entire session about how we are going to control property taxes by putting lids on political subdivisions, how we're going to reduce their levies down the road, how the Legislature took care of property taxes this year. And so we don't need to go along with a constitutional amendment that will put it in the constitution,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABBOD: ...that'll do away with property taxes or severely restrict what they can raise through property taxes because the Legislature will take care of you. But the only thing that they're going to see that the Legislature took care of was that they cut the state aid and that their property taxes