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I've been listening very carefully to what people have been saying, and I understand why they say what they do, and there's no question what they're saying is correct. The problem that I see is that...and you take and...each individ...it depends on whose ox is being gored. In my particular case, a couple of years ago I paid a lot of income tax. I paid a lot of property tax. This year I didn't hardly pay any income tax and, guess what, I paid more property tax. I paid more property tax and didn't pay income tax because I didn't have any income. So that's not very flexible in the way I look at it. But I understand people who have a steady income continue to pay and continue to pay and continue to pay and, obviously, they don't like it, and I can understand that. I was kind of interested in we were talking about people moving out of the state to other places because they don't have any taxes. There aren't too many move to Dakota where there aren't any taxes, and I suspect a lot of them move to Florida and Texas because of the weather, not necessarily because of the amount of taxes they pay. At least the people that I know that moved out of my area and moved to Texas, moved there because they were getting older and they wanted to go where they didn't have cold weather. And that's probably why they didn't go to Dakota where they also don't have any taxes. But be that as it may, the issue comes back to what is a fair tax. Well, there isn't any fair tax. We all know that. Only the one that somebody else pays, that's the only fair tax there is. And if we could figure out a way to make a living and still not make any...pay any taxes, we'd all be happy, but it just doesn't work that way. I support this kind of a tax for the very reason that some other people are supporting it. When I make money, I pay income tax. When I don't make any money, I don't pay any income tax or very little. But I continue to pay property tax whether I make any money or not, and that's my real concern, and I think it's a concern of a lot of people. Because the years when you have little or no income you still have property that you have to continue to pay those taxes on. Now there is nothing wrong with that, in the eyes of those who are talking about an unfair tax, of course not. And, you know, how do you correct it? Well, nobody has a complete answer because, obviously, there isn't any. But we do what we have to do here, and I'm going to support this piece of legislation, LB 379, simply because I can see where, in the eyes