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vehicles. So those people who choose to have older vehicles and choose to keep them running, either because they're forced to or because they choose to, are rewarded for keeping those vehicles on the road and for the repairs that go into them, and for effectively supporting the repair shops that are in business as small and large business operators to do repair work. So it would exempt out motor vehicles from the charges that are included on labor in the bill. I think that it certainly has an impact on a lot of low-income people, who I think were...are already going to be continuing to pay high sales tax rates; maybe not the income tax rates that we're adjusting, but certainly the sales tax rates. For those families and those individuals that are struggling, I think this is one thing that we can do to assist in that struggle that they're about. It would affect everybody equally, whether you're rural, whether you're urban. It has that component of fairness to it that I think is important. But it also adds the dimension that for those low-income people who are forced to be able to keep those old vehicles and who have to repair them to keep them running, it at least doesn't further take away the money for food, for rent, for other things that are essential to their livelihoods. So it helps the very low-income people, I think, very directly. But it also affects across the board all people who have repairs done on their vehicles. I think it's good policy. I think it's fair policy. And I would certainly hope that you would view it the same way. It is in keeping with Senator Landis' issue of installation labor versus service labor. So it also has the component of consistency. And for that reason also, I think it fits in the scheme of what's attempting to be done in LB 287. It's an area that I think is important for the consumer. It's also helpful to the businessperson. But again, part of the main reason that I do it is because there are people who are forced economically to continue to drive older vehicles, and a vehicle these days is virtually essential for someone to get to work. It's essential for them to be able to transport their family to, in some cases, schools, but to a variety of things. And that vehicle and the cost of those repairs is something that they have to do. They aren't in an economic situation where they can afford to buy a new vehicle that doesn't need repairs, and many of them are never going to be in that position. And so this is something that we can do for those folks, and we can do it to