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studies out there that I've looked at, that both of those two things will affect our economic growth, economic growth as measured by the increase in real or I guess inflation-adjusted state personal income during a calculated time frame. Between...an example of that is according to a study that I found in there, I think the Cato Institute or something, between 1980 and 1999, the average real income growth was 51 percent during that period for the ten highest taxed jurisdictions. But 88 percent was the economic growth, the real income growth I should say, for those lower tax jurisdictions. In 1995, a study by the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress looked at state taxes and personal income growth from 1960 to 1993. The study concluded that the higher the state and local taxes were in a district, the more distinct or significant the negative effect on personal income growth. Now when that happens, as far as I'm concerned, and maybe I'm being naive, our state government revenue will dip. The reason to say no is because we can give our economy a chance to rebound. We can give it a chance to grow. The 1990s showed that some of those lower tax rates or, I mean, we weren't raising taxes in the nineties, actually spurred or help spur or had a hand in driving economic...driving personal income growth and, in general, economic growth and also enhanced our state revenue. Now where are we? What are we going to end up doing? I would just submit to you, I guess I would finally say this, I would submit to you if we raise taxes right now and it's been determined to a certain degree in here that it's not necessary, we're going to potentially hinder that growth. I don't want to see that happen. If we have until 2005 to see what no tax increase at all is going to do for us, why don't we take a look? That is a reason to just say no as far as I'm concerned. So this is implementing something. Just saying no is doing something. I think Senator Tyson and others have brought that up. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK:    Thank you, Senator Friend.    On with discussion of FA1655, Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE:    Thank you, Mr. President and members.    I marvel at some of the statements that have been made here and must lament that we seem to be drifting away from reality.    There's