

almost to the decimal point in a cut in the university is going to devastate them. That is my point yesterday. When you are adding onto property taxes it don't mean nothing. It is token. When you are trying to make a cut anywhere else it is going to devastate them and destroy them. The percentages are identical, Senator Marsh. You're adding on to every homeowner with this bill a few little percentage points, \$17, about 3.5% just about the same amount you cut from the university that is going to destroy them. Senator Warner said, it seems we're interested in killing any bill that produces revenue. This doesn't produce any revenue. This robs from one side and puts it over on the other. Now I have sponsored enough revenue producing bills, severance tax, litter tax, lodging tax, ton mile tax. If anybody wanted to beat me in election all they would have to do would be to deal with all the taxes I have sponsored. Those are revenue producers. They generate money from the economy and use here. This doesn't generate a dime. It steals from the homeowner and puts it over in the general fund. That's all it does. A revenue producer is a bill like 619 that Senator Carsten and I are sponsoring. It solves not only the Tennessee crisis but raises an additional pile of money if you do it right. So I'm not against revenue producers. I'm against revenue stealers. Now about the lottery, video equipment thing. Go up and read my amendment to the lottery bill. I don't care what happens to that. That's the truth. I'm not relying on that. There was not one person in this body could stand up and say yesterday that the vote you gave was in any way linked even remotely by any conversation or dealings you had with me on lottery, video equipment or anything else because it wasn't and you all know it. So I haven't linked anything to anything. If I had my choice probably you'd tax, control and regulate the lottery activity and all the stuff that is going on and probably keep the state out of it. That would be my choice. I don't know whether you will do it. Now about deals. I guarantee you there isn't a member can stand up and say they had any deal made with me yesterday or today on this bill or any other bill. There aren't any. I think we love to think that things occur because of a deal. Well there weren't any. There are...Senator Carsten raised this transaction is separate. I agree, it is separate. I just don't like to see you pass a bill that adds \$17 to the property tax of every homeowner when they are already right at in most cases about the highest. Now, we talked about goals. My goals are simple. I don't think we are going to find any big fat pool of money or redo the world taxwise this year. So what I want to do is simple. One, cut the budget until you get another