

and his co-horse wants, is for us first of all to reduce the tax so that they can take credit and then do turn around and increase the tax so that they can go back to the people and say in effect that "we have been the Savior". That is a lot of balony. Go back to the speech of April and then ask yourself whether the pledge has been carried out or not. Don't be put into a position of being manipulated back and forth. So I would say first of all that in 1974 Senator Lewis when we talk about a shell game we are the ones that were accountable. We are the ones that have to stand up and take the heat. If Jim Exon doesn't want to take the heat, fine. Lets us take the heat and tell the people just exactly what the situation is. The machinery as Senator Carpenter has indicated can not be confused in fairness to this discussion. What you are talking about occurs after the budget is appropriated and not now. Statements have been made in the past that the reduction of the income tax from 13 to 11% in effect jeopardizes these programs that are being conducted now and that is untrue. In the second place Senator Lewis, even though you tried to bring the fiscal staff in, I would suggest to you that the figures that you have presented to us twice are dated first of all the 15th of November, 1973 and I would suggest to you that the burden of proof is on you too because that is the burden of proof is on you to prove, that, whatever the general fund balance is that you have got on these figures is going to be the general fund balance on or when the tax rate is set. That is your problem, that is your burden. Don't be throwing figures at us that come from November 15, 1973. I would also suggest to you that you take a look at the amount of money that was recommended for the homestead exemption and see whether all of that money has been spent this year and whether all of it has been spend as is proposed for next year. Really what I am saying is that I can go back and give you figures on the change of the general fund from 1967 and that fund moves up and down and back. Those figures that you have got in there you have no more notion as to whether they are correct today you have nomore notion than those figures do as to whether they think that they are actually correct or not. If you do have a notion and you have information from the tax commissioners office that we don't have it is your duty to stand up and prove it. If you can't prove it as far as I am concerned, these figures are from the 15th of November 1973 and nobody has the foggest notion as to what those figures are going to be. Now in addition to this, if you are suggesting in your bill that we go back to the public of this state and extract money from the, as of the first of January 1974, you are going to start a revolt that you are going to be sorry that you ever started, and evidently that is exactly what you are asking for. So, members of the legislature, based upon the knowledge of the difficulty to project revenue, knowledge of the fact that this legislature has not been given complete up-to-date information despite what people may tell you, since November 15, 1973, let those that are trying to trap you prove their point. If they can't prove their point, this bill should be defeated. As Senator Lewis has success in deluding you because of his lack of information and not because of his intent, I'm not trying to cast reflections on your integrity, I'm trying to cast reflections on the information that you have and the fact that you are putting yourself into an unfortunate position of asking this legislature to do something that they are going to be sorry for later, because you haven't got accurate information and you know it, and you are going to start a procedure that is going to go back to January of 1974 and force people into a tremendous difficult position. When