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chairmanship of the Revenue Committee. I'm going to tell you why. Three weeks ago, when I decided that I would not run again for the chairmanship of the Executive Board, I did that because I have an abiding belief that when a man does a piece of work a man should move on. The truth of the matter was I had felt in my own mind that this last Executive Board had done so many things that this institution needed to have done that in fact to continue to serve as the Chairman of the Executive Board would simply be remaining in a position without the major pieces of work left to do. When I made that decision I was contacted by many of you who told me, "Vard," they said, "we have to address the tax issues, it has to be done. We have let the tax issues go so long that our people are crying out for change." And I said, in response I said, "Well, others probably have to address the tax issues." I said, "I recognize they have gone on for so long that they do need to be addressed." But as time passed and I got my reevaluation statement from Douglas County along with the other 100,000 home owners, and the valuations went up 40 percent, and I knew again that property tax was an issue, and as time went on I saw what the voters had done with the agricultural amendment 4 and I knew that we had to respond to that and we should have an appropriate response to that, and as time went on and I talked to each of you here in one way or the other about your own concerns for property taxes and property tax relief, and the state of the revenue condition in our state, I knew in my heart, I knew in my heart that in fact this body has to address the tax issues and it has to address the tax issues ably and well in the next two years. To fail to do so permits us to fail the public. That is something that we cannot do. I believe totally and absolutely in the legislative process. I am so committed to the democratic principle, the majoritarian values, majoritarian values shall be heard expeditiously and shall be responded to that I simply said this is a piece of work that has to be done. A person does have to do a piece of work that has to be done. So I said, just this morning I said, "You know I need to put myself forward. I need to offer my candidacy to you so that you can make a choice." You know my work in the last six years. You know I've been conscientious, I've been diligent, I've been courageous, sounds like I've been a little vain too, but I've been willing to take the heat, I've been willing to take the heat. I've taken the heat for each one of you here because I have believed that the heat has to be taken. I took it on the expense issue. I'm taking it on the Commonwealth issue.