

It is not unusual. It occurs on a pretty regular basis, which presentation is, forget the small steps that you are taking as a legislative body to effect change and go for the one great big giant not yet conceived, not yet written, not yet discussed reform package because I am confident that what lies out there in that other pasture will be just a little better and it is the bigger picture and it is the greater picture and I will have my name on it too. And so what you do is you take old Howard Lamb's faithful toiling in the trenches and you kill that one, and old Vard Johnson, he has got that dog homestead bill up there and you kill that one. And then that school aid bill that Senator Remmers is carrying, well, that is surely not enough money. One cent, that is not enough. Let's make it two cents or three cents. If we can't go for a lot of money, then kill it. Now I have been here long enough to recognize that the big picture doesn't develop until the little pieces are slowly and painfully painted on the canvas and only after the paint is on the canvas and one stands back, one can see that in a five-year time period a big picture has been developed. So I say, you have got to stick it out with Senator Lamb's bill and vote it up or vote it down. You have got to know what the concept is, whether it is the kind of a concept that you want to support or you want to oppose. The Revenue Committee has put on the floor of the Legislature three different concepts for property tax relief and we are asking this body to reflect on the concepts and to make choices and as those choices are made, the bigger picture begins to evolve. Now I, personally, do not like LB 38 because I think the bill starts a totally new process within the Department of Revenue that will be a high...it will be a very expensive process that will waste our precious dollars. I think the rebate process is an expensive process. I prefer to use existing processes for property tax relief, such as the tried and true homestead exemption or the tried and true state aid, or a combination of both. But by the same token, I am not so tunnel visioned that I am going to sit and oppose a rebate system simply because I don't like the process. The real question is, if I support a rebate system, am I helping fill in that big picture right? And at this juncture I am inclined to believe that I am not helping to fill the big picture in correctly. And the reason I say that is this, Senator DeCamp is correct. This body in a moment of great passion adopted Senator Schmit's amendment to LB 662 which would call for our successors, our children and their children,