

time again. I sit back here year after year, I keep wondering who is going to be left to pay. One of these days, one of these days there aren't going to be very many left to pay. This is just one other one, only costs a million or two. There are four or five other bills here, I suppose only cost a million or two, lost revenue. Each are meritorious on their own. The one article I read on what attracts business and what provides these kinds of incentives for legislation to be enacted, I think I really do believe and it is summed up that the tax gimmicks are attractive to those people who are hired to promote economic development and politicians because it is the one thing they can go back to whomever they report and say they did something. They passed a bill to give a tax break. I appreciate the argument of you have got to meet the competition and to some extent I suppose there is some logic to that. But that is about the only one that I can think of that has any logic. We can't have income tax pay because we are going...we can't raise income taxes because that is going to drive business away. We can't have sales tax on new equipment because that is going to drive business away. Now we have got to give them credit for what little dab a tax that we are going to ask them to pay because that is an incentive. I hear so many contradictions and I suppose that is how the world turns but I hope somewhere along the line those who constantly advocate these kinds of approaches would care a little bit about those that are left to pay. You know, I could support these kind of things, I suppose, if, in fact, and it has been possible, if, in fact, you reduced budgets of state and local government equal to the amount of revenue you were going to lose. That might make some sense, but that is not going to happen. The last thing I need is a nice new business in my school district that we could pass a constitutional amendment so they don't have to pay property taxes for ten years. We would give them tax exemptions for the equipment they are going to buy. We don't collect any income tax. The farmers in my district and the rest of the residents pay the load. And while I know I am just expressing a frustration it isn't going to go anywhere, I have yet to be convinced that tax gimmicks are either necessary or desirable and I don't know what you do for those of us that are left to pay, but we are going to pay. And all the good things that you can say, all the good theory...

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.