

no choice. We had to make some hard decisions and you did. You eliminated Mexican-American Commission, Indian Commission, Commission on the Status of Women. I think it fair and reasonable. I doubt anybody would contest it, that this is going to decide which direction we go and it is a crossroads. Now, the thing that bothers me just a bit is this. Those who do want the tax increase and those who will inevitably vote to override most of the vetoes have been cast in, so to speak, the white hats as the noble statesmen and they are, I suppose. Those on the other side have kind of been cast with the black hats. I think we have created a new bad guys syndrome in here. Best example of the new bad guys occurred during the cigarette tax debate, if you'll remember. How many people remember one after another standing up and condemning, condemning on this floor, ridiculing, mocking, mocking the individuals who signed little letters and said, I don't want my cigarette taxes increased. In other words, the ones who are paying the taxes under the new system almost have no right to say, I don't want my tax increased. I have never heard condemned the people who spend the money. In other words, we'll get a thousand cards or letters from the mentally retarded, from the Arts Council, from the University, this program or that program, from the local government. They will be organized the same way. I've never heard them mocked, made jest of, but the people who are actually footing the bills, having to put up the money, in this case and one example here, the 30 percent for cigarette taxes, they're the new bad guys, the new bad guys. How far are we going to change our philosophy? And those who, I guess, are suggesting, no, don't increase taxes, actually go into government contraction, were being cast as somehow not statesmen. I think all the great political battles in the Senate of the U.S. or whatever, you'll find that two very sincere, very dedicated sides, equally believing their position, equally believing it, didn't necessarily mean that one were good or one were bad, one were honest and statesmen, the other weren't. I think there are a number of us in here who sincerely believe this is an opportunity and a crossroads to establish government contraction and I would hope that those of you who plan to vote for the new tax increase would at least give this some thought. And some of you may remember when we voted to go from 3 percent to 2 percent, I said you are trapping yourself. You are linking the tax increase and the University together, inevitably, and the next thing that will happen is you will be trapped into overriding vetoes.