

administers the laws which we pass. We pass a bill into law and if he doesn't like it, he can veto it. If we don't like his veto...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we can override. If we...if we override, he has to live with it. If we can't override...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we have to go back to the drawing board. We are...we have abdicated our responsibility and we ought to be ashamed and the people will one day hold us accountable. I'm going to speak as long and as often as I can on this because for the past 20 years we have tip-toed around the truth and we can no longer put it off.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I would echo what Senator Schmit has just raised. I realize it's somewhat hypocritical to complain about the proposals that are being thrown out to us today but, as I told Loran earlier, I said, you know, once we build these short-term solutions into law they somehow gravitate to be long-term solutions or long-term commitments by the state to tax whether it's depreciation, whether it's energy cost, whether it's a car or an auto issue here. It just seems to me, at this point, I'm not willing to vote for any of these proposals and I said...as I said earlier, it's hypocritical for me, I guess, to stand up here and say, I don't like what's being proposed but I don't have any better plan. Well, I guess I'm going to be a hypocrite at least for the temporary purposes of saying, I don't like any of the plans being circulated at this point. I'm willing to look at the other ideas or other proposals but, as I have seen on a lot of other issues, we make what we think are short-term commitments to a policy decision and after that those short terms become long term. A case in point would be the Whitney amendment. That was supposed to be a short-term solution to the solid waste problem. Well, it's still on the books 20 years later. And I can see that many of these fees or proposals being circulated by the Governor or by someone else, or anybody, are obviously meant to be short term but if we can't find a better solution, they