

Senator Tim Hall. We are asking them to repair an airplane engine while they're flying at 30,000 feet, and it's pretty cold and rough out there, and that cannot hardly be done. And one of the problems you have here today is that, for example, the various kinds of entities here which pay certain amounts of taxes, some of them can pass them on, and some cannot. And I agree with Senator Warner that no business is going to say, well, now we have to pay 3.8 cents per hour, so we'll have to lower your wages, or we'll have to pass it on. But business works on the bottom line. And when the bottom line reaches a point where the return is insufficient for the capital that's invested and the effort that is expended, business must do something to change that, and so, therefore, they have to raise their costs. Agriculture is the only entity in the bunch really that cannot pass it on. We are the final consumer of many of these projects and many of these services. And so therefore agriculture, although it may appear that we only pay a small portion, will eventually pay a much greater portion of the bill. Number two, the corporate tax portion bothers me considerably, and I'll tell you very frankly why. I have vigorously objected to the proposal that would exempt certain corporate taxes under 775, 772, and 773, any of them. I'll tell you why, because many ma and pa corporations, many of the average corporations will never qualify, could never qualify for the benefits of those economic development bills. Now we are coming along and we are zapping those small corporate entities that did not get through the gate, did not get under the umbrella or the tent under those economic development bills. And, again, then the burden on those corporations becomes far greater than it would have been had all corporate entities been treated equally. I don't know what's going to happen in the final analysis with the 775, 772 and 3 type proposals. But I can tell you, based upon the activity, the chaos that you have in the Rotunda today, that that will increase, and the intensity and the density will all increase as time goes by. I think that you have to recognize that we have taken a project which wasn't simple to start with, and we have made it incomparably complicated and will continue to do so. The new ideas come out of the Governor's office about as fast as a copy machine can flip them out.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There are that many more ideas kicking around on this floor. And it is impossible to know what is going to happen on an hour to hour basis, let alone a day-to-day basis.