

this is one of those amendments that there are many members of this body that ought to take a little closer look at because it's one of those things that an opportunity that may not come around awhile where you get the right coalition to make this one click and many of the people probably voting no are the ardent supporters of 1063 when in the very...you know, by just looking at the amendment there are many things in there that they wanted for years that they're passing up and leaves me to wonder what exactly is the agenda behind 1063. And Senator Withem stated it very clearly is that, you know, he didn't care what it was, as this summer when there was a variety of packages floated to exempt all personal property he made it very clear that to him, personally, any sort of proposal that exempted all personal property from taxation was a deal breaker. Now I can understand that to a degree but, nevertheless, you know, what is it? I mean, what is it about personal property that this body is so bound and determined to not only keep the business sector back on the tax rolls but to return a portion of the ag sector to the tax rolls? I mean, it's just one of those things that's boggling my mind what this body is willing to pass up to get there. And this particular amendment I think is a much sounder tax policy, as I mentioned, I probably mentioned this a million times, Speaker Baack, but it's a much sounder tax policy and clear tax policy is to exempt all personal property from taxation. We debated several amendments today that try and make an attempt to try and make that easier to audit and easier to trail and more enforceable, but once again we know that's not going to happen. And as Senator Withem had argued that, you know, how on earth can 1063 actually raise homeowners' taxes? Well, it's just one of those things that I have yet to be determined that by 1063 you cut the valuation base by more than in half of what it was in 1990 for business equipment and at the same time you're going to...if you cut the valuation in half, you're going to collect almost 100 percent more money, or 50 percent more money? It's one of those things that that defies logic by it's very own principles and it may or may not come true, but it's something that I have yet to be convinced it can actually happen. This amendment very clearly takes the risk out of that. It says here is what we're going to do for homeowners. We know that that was one of the major components of any part, had to, one, make sure that homeowners are protected. This bill does that. Does it make ag pay some more? Yes, it does make ag pay some more. That repair labor cost is something that will fall very heavily on ag as well as the depreciation add back will cost the ag sector a good chunk of