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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise again in support of the amendment. The question has come up a couple different times, Senator Withem mentioned it, Senator Dierks mentioned it with regard to what happens if the revenue isn't raised through 1063 that is purported to be there and Senator Withem and other proponents to 1063 would argue that it's there and some of us who are on the other side would argue that it's not going to be there and if it's not there, that means the real estate taxes are going to go up. Under this proposal, quite honestly, real estate goes up, but we protect the homeowner. That means business pays more, ag pays more, but they pay it in a way that they prefer to pay it. They don't move back to 20 years ago and put a portion of personal property tax on the rolls. Now the real, I guess, question here is, because you need to sit down and analyze a little bit what...because you've got the Department of Revenue on one side saying that, well, under the old system we raised this much, under this new system we're going to raise so much more revenue. Well, where has that revenue been under the old system? What's the Department of Revenue been doing all these years when all this revenue was sitting out there and now we're calling it net book value and it suddenly appears because we're going to use the federal tape? Well, federal tapes are available to the State Department of Revenue and it baffles me that we can sit here and say that we're going to take, because under the old system even if you got that piece of property and it was 20 years old, supposedly you were supposed to have it on at approximately 20 percent of value, it's going to pay something. At a minimum level, it was going to be claimed. The chair was going to be worth \$5, if nothing else, that you were going to have to claim it on your sheet, your personal property tax, self-reporting sheet. Now under the current system in 1063 we're going to...all the property that's no longer depreciated, all that business equipment that is out there and been out there