

Members of the committee I come today to express concerns about this bill. It is promoted as an action to alter the atmosphere around us. I urge you to evaluate again the basis upon which the need for the actions this bill requires are founded.

You are, no doubt aware, that there is more than one "scientific" argument made regarding climate change. Some claiming an imminent disaster attributable to "climate change." Some scientists theorize that "something" (unnamed and unknown) some positive feedback, will greatly amplify tiny changes in sunlight to bring about major climate change. They blame man-made carbon dioxide. It is those carbon emissions which this bill purports to reduce. The argument and the questions legitimately raised can not be adequately addressed here. But the issue needs to be raised here. I hope to encourage further inquiry by those present here. Suffice for now to say that what is known as the Milankovich theory is critical to the interpretation that as Wolfgang Berger wrote "Just when we can expect to see a rapid rise of sea level, ten times higher than the present values of a few millimeters per year?" He then goes on to say we do not know. Just keep in mind that the Milankovich Theory is critical to the prediction of a "rapid rise" in the sea level.

Let me cite some reasons to question the assumptions upon which this present "climate change" proposed bill contains.

First: the result of computer climate models have had a tendency to predict more warming than was later actually observed.

Second: There is fraudulent, politicized research propounded, which for obvious reasons should be given no weight in this controversy.

Third: There is no supporting evidence for the Milankovich Theory and without it the argument for an unstable climate collapses.

On December 14, 2008 former presidential candidate Al Gore predicted the North Polar Ice Cap would be completely free of ice in five years. Gore made the prediction to a German TV audience at the COP15 Climate Conference.

Dr. Judith Curry quoted in the Sunday Mail reported "The Arctic sea ice spiral of death seems to have reversed". That was the headline. The article goes on to report: "Stunning satellite images show summer ice cap is thicker and covers 1.7 million kilometers MORE than two years ago... despite Al Gore's prediction it would be ICE FREE by now."

Recent prediction of Armageddon-like disaster within 12 years, are not and cannot be supported. Some of you here will live, Lord willing for more than 12 years from today. I may not, but I confidently assert that you can right it down and say "I'll see if he is right" and you will prove to yourself that the earth yet stands and that day and night, cold and heat and summer and winter will be with us still, and the earth will remain inhabitable.

I am especially disconcerted that there are those who use their position and influence to convince the young, the middle school and high school students that their lives may be

cut short, and their future denied, on the basis of this, at the very least suspect and speculative prediction. I believe we should place more concern upon the current causes of the increase in suicide rates among the young without adding to there depression and lack of hope for a the future by what we claim, with very questionable evidence, may happen.

This bill is a tax measure. Given the tenuous nature of the climate change pretext, even while acknowledging the political popularity of the matter, I wonder if the motive is not more the raising of taxes than concern for the climate. There are other considerations to be raised. Time and ability are limited.

I am a small businessman.

There have been, as you well know, a number of tax burdens recently added to us all.

The corporate Activities Tax. (Business Sales Tax)

The Sick Leave Mandate increasing costs to employers Healthcare Tax)

The Medical Tax for those who receive subsidized health care

The landlord tenant bill (SB 608)

Tobacco, Vaping and Liquor Tax

The short session of the legislature was, at its inception, intended to give opportunity for budget "fixes" and technical corrections necessary to complete the regular sessions work. This particular session appears to flagrantly violate that intention.

This bill in particular deserves more time and thought and the allowance for more citizen and professional input than can be given in the short session. I urge you to reserve action upon it pending opportunity to receive the testimony needed to allow thoughtful and prudent action. I believe for the reasons given, that this bill should not be passed out of committee to the floor. I am appealing for its delay and defeat.

Respectfully,

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