

dealers on the borders of the State of Nebraska and Kansas, Iowa and Missouri, and, in their opinion, they showed that they lost that number of sales, their gross went down and they said that it was due to the tax exemption. And I even have a letter that I read to you from a person in my district that said they went to Kansas to save 1,200 bucks.

SENATOR NELSON: I don't doubt that and I don't doubt it can be done. But it just, you know, offhand, in my mind, it seems like that figure is too high. I, too, have the same reservations as Senator Wesely and it's no secret, I am an agricultural person and probably would maybe gain from this. But then that's not what I am here for. I remember last year when we had some revenue increasing bills and part of the tax on farm auctions, used farm equipment, was at the same time as tax put on some business utilities and so on, and this was somewhat of a package and I have not quite forgotten that. I know that the news media, which bothers me considerably now, as far as putting the pressure on we senators, there is just absolutely nothing we can do but to go along with their tax package, and so on, and I know in my area they have put out enough news media, and so on, to support it that if any senator ever even probably dared vote against it, he would ruin the whole State of Nebraska, and I don't exactly agree with that. I am not saying there is that much wrong, but again another concern. I just...I am going to support one of the two motions, either, Senator Johnson. I think that we need to think this thing through. Where is this money going to come from? I know last year we got down to a sales tax for the farmers and it was the same time when we had the other revenue issues and we realized that we had to put some more money in homestead exemptions. So, in my mind, last year the farmers paid for the homestead exemption and I think that a lot of those farmers deserve that just as well as some of those exemptions that were allowed and they were allowed according to the law. The reason that I would like to slow down on this bill, and I want to know where we are coming from, I looked at it as somewhat once the steer is out of the pen, then everybody is falling in, give me my share or do my share and I, too, want to know where this money is going to come from or how it would affect personal taxes, and so on. I liken it from serving on Retirement Committee. Last year we made some moves that certainly helped the retirement for the teachers and now I see everyone else coming in, well, you gave it to the teachers so why can't I have it? It seems like there is just no end in that respect. So, for the time being, I will support either one of the two motions. Let's find out...let's get the groups together