

in the State of Nebraska, we are able to stay at 7.81 when those corporations over \$200,000...

(Recorder malfunction.)

SENATOR HALL: I mean, there is 2.6 points between the 0-50 and the 50 to a 100, excuse me 50 to 200 as it currently exists. What we do in this proposal is raise 7.8 to 8.9, that is what we have adopted into the bill. We do that because we use the current system as it exists. The only argument against this, the only argument against it on the part of the lobby, and as I stated when I first spoke to this issue, that the lobby didn't like this proposal and this is the one aspect of it that they didn't like because they said it was going to send the wrong message, it was going to send the wrong message to businesses out there, the prospects that are flying in from all over the world to build plants here in Nebraska, and that this 1.18 increase in a third bracket, which is far from a super bracket, by any definition that generates \$20 million for one year, one year as the bill is proposed. In other words, we used the system. I heard much talk about creating a new tax as we debated the bill throughout general and select file, we don't want to create new taxes, we don't want to do that. But yet we are going to put a surcharge, as Senator Moore would have us do, a separate income tax table, if you will, because that is really all it is, it's a separate income tax table over here. We are not going to call it that because we don't want to leave the impression that we have a super bracket in Nebraska. Well, how dumb are these corporations that are going to come into the state? I mean, do we want people in here, employers like that that can't figure this out? Come on, folks, that is not the issue. The issue here is that the corporations don't want the legislature to feel comfortable with a third bracket, but we did it before. They are afraid of the down-the-road effects. It has nothing to do with the perception of businesses that are coming in. I mean, do you think those people don't look at every portion of the tax whether it be sales, property, income, or a surcharge that we throw on at this point in time?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: It makes absolutely no difference what you call it, a horse is a horse, a dog is a dog; this dog don't hunt, Senator Moore, there is no reason...it is a great line, I wanted to use it on you for a long time, the issue here is, look, use