

to Scott's putting me on the hot seat, and I will just reverse in the form of questions by asking him what he wants to ask me. These are taxpayers that have, through tax planning, basically escaped tax liability. They have sheltered all their income and these are largely well-to-do people who have sheltered all of their income. The federal government recently created a system to get some kind of contribution from these people. Nebraska follows along. We piggyback on the feds, in a sense, and over time, I think this is a taxpayer deserving of sharing in the burdens of government more than they do now.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: And that is my goal.

SENATOR MOORE: And you are saying this is...the piggyback is something the feds have already done, and when did they...did they do that in TEFRA?

SENATOR LANDIS: I can't tell you the time, Scott, but I can find out for you...

SENATOR MOORE: But this component of the bill...nothing in the bill has anything to do with 773, this component of the bill once again has nothing to do with that issue, it's just that we're simply piggybacking off the feds?

SENATOR LANDIS: For those who think that they have this to do with 773, I will let them make their case. I think this is a set of taxpayers who are largely reaping the benefits of sheltering income and not contributing towards the state. I think it is fair to ask \$275,000 more from these folks.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Then the final, if we're sharing time, the final component of the bill deals with the phase out of the federal standard deduction, correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MOORE: And the itemized deduction phase out?

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: And the increase in the lower marginal rates. So that is the final facet of the bill, same question, why?