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and listen. The consumer of these products is Arkansas and all the other states. The inconvenience is Joe Farmer in Nebraska and Miss Citizen in North Platte. The amount Nebraska citizens would pay of this additional million, and I got these figures from N.P.P.D., is about \$20,000 maximum. So I agree it is being passed onto the consumer but it is that consumer in Arkansas and the other states who is benefitting from the inconvenience caused here. I am saying they have received a tremendous benefit. They, therefore, should help pay for overcoming the inconvenience in Nebraska. Now with respect to the other amendment I put on 42, I said, the railroads were not paying their money because it was a voluntary system and only when you eliminated the voluntariness of it could you make it effective. We eliminated the voluntariness of it and now I want to get this money in and get these things built. That is all we are doing here. How much time left?

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got one minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, I would like to address some of the things that Sam brought up. There is no doubt in my mind, not even a scintilla of doubt, that Sam Cullan and Dave Newell have worked as hard and sincerely on this effort of railway taxation as any human beings who ever were in this Legislature and when Sam Cullan stands up and says we worked on available evidence, he is telling you the absolute truth because, not of something he did, but because our officials failed to follow the tax laws and therefore, when they are forced to follow them now it is going to completely change mill levies, valuations and all these things. He had to operate, he had to operate on the figures they turned over to him such as figures that farmland was worth \$60 an acre when everybody knows that is not true, that mill levies were going to remain the same, so on and so forth. He had to operate on that. When those change, everything else changes. He was operating on inaccurate premises.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Lamb and then Senator Murphy and then Senator Warner.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the DeCamp amendment. I think many of us have seen what has happened in the last few years. Railroads in Nebraska have gone to the coal business and they are leaving the grain business out in the cold. I think that the railroads have a responsibility to the state and that these amendments may increase the tax enough to make