

level during these national campaigns about too much government, too much taxes, too much regulation. Now here is a chance...we have it again at the very beginning. This is a new tax and a new regulation that is going to be imposed on a whole lot of new people beginning with the effective date of this particular act. Now, I pulled ten employees out of the air because I thought that was fair. If that, in fact, does away with 76 percent of the revenue of this bill, if Senator DeCamp wants to compromise on five employees or seven employees, that is fine. But my point is this, this bill is all fluff, this tax is unnecessary, why go around imposing a taxation requirement and a permit requirement on hundreds of small grocery stores and small drug stores and small country drive-ins around this state if it is not going to do any good...if all it's going to do is pay for Boy Scouts to pick up beer cans out of ditches from time to time and when we know it is not going to accomplish anything. We know that it came in here at the request of the large industry. Well let's let the large industry pay for it if they want it. Let's follow David Stockman's advice. We have been hearing him on television every day now for the last couple of weeks, only instead of cutting government budget, let's stop it before it gets started. I mean, if we have conservatives in the Legislature who are truly against governmental regulation, this is your time, this is your chance to stand up and speak. I mean, here is your opportunity. Senator DeCamp is asking for a new regulatory scheme, a new permit scheme, a new taxation scheme that is going to reach into every single legislative district in this state. It is going to pick up every grocery store, every drug store, every liquor store that has more than one and a half employees a year. For what reason? So we can finance volunteer organizations to walk the rural roads and pick up litter. Now who is kidding who? We know the litter is not going to get...we know it's not going to do anything to help the litter problem, yet you are imposing governmental regulation on hundreds and hundreds of small businesses around the state. And here is me, a Democrat, urban from Omaha, Nebraska who Senator Schmit constantly is needling because I am a Democrat urban from Omaha, Nebraska, standing up and saying, look, let's get government regulation off our backs. Now I call on you Republican conservatives to stand up and be counted, and if you want to compromise at five or at seven or even at three, it's fine with me. But to come in here with a bill like this without having read it, without understanding what you are doing, I mean, all I want to say is, when you go home to your legislative districts, you