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which is what I think it would amount to because they don't see this hidden tax but they are paying for it anyhow. Who are we kidding? You can't tax profits from a company without having those taxes passed on to the consumer. The consumer eventually pays all taxes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, we heard a passionate plea a bit ago about saving energy and I notice that we have an awfully lot of energy in here and I know it is necessary for the TV to be on. I wonder why the chandeliers have to be on up above. I am just trying to be practical. We all talk about saving energy but we want somebody else to do it. In my office downstairs I have one switch for lights in the three different areas that I have, and whenever anyone is in there, we have all the lights on. I don't know how practical this is but we also find ourselves on the horns of a dilemma because the more energy we save the more it costs us which is a double whammy. And what I am talking about is that the utility companies have overhead, too, and when we use less energy or less gasoline or whatever it might be it means less profit for each gallon sold so they have got to add to the price. So we are counterproductive, I guess, is the best word and I don't know how to get around it. But I think if we are really serious in helping perhaps the elderly and those that live in homes that are less than energy efficient, we should put it right up front and put some money in the general fund for it and not try to hang it onto some industry which is a pretty weak industry, really, in Nebraska. If we had all the coal and oil and things that some other states have, we would certainly be able to I am sure get a very minimal tax and do the job but I don't think we are serious about energy and I do agree with Senator Wesley on that. If you have flown over our cities at night, they look like a Christmas tree lit up with bright lights so that you can...I suppose it is supposed to be to stop crime. I don't know. Even our farms, we have a light on that burns all the time at night and have had for years and years and years. In fact, we have got a couple of them. Now we see feedlots that are all lit up at night. I suppose the cows gain a little faster. I don't know. We work our fields and we are trying to save energy. We do our irrigation with less energy and yet we get speeches from our city cousins that tell us, "Well, we are not saving energy." I think if they practiced what we do out there, why we would have a little less expense right here in the Capitol. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.