

sary. Senator Johnson talked to me privately about Peru State College. That is another issue. That is apples and oranges. If we want to change the role and mission of Peru let's do it. About six years ago I proposed that but it didn't get by first base and that is an issue but that is separate. These private colleges and institutions of universities are not going to misuse this piece of legislation under any conditions because they are still going to be responsible for the action individually and not collectively nor is the state going to lend any of its credit to it. The state is only indirectly, this authority, setting up an authority that would be a part to help administer those bonds if and when they have been approved by private institutions on their own campuses. I oppose Senator Chambers motion to indefinitely postpone.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to support the motion. I don't want to go back over again the Attorney General's opinion and the constitutional problems that have been mentioned but for some of you let me throw out an argument which I think is significant and should be significant in your minds. There was a point in time when many of you in here, not so long ago again, voted for the exemption of certain taxes, taxes on inventories and taxes on equipment and part of the reason you did that and one of the major arguments against that was that, look, these are hidden taxes. We should be right up front about taxes. Those taxes are just passed on to the consumer. We should be up front about taxes, sales taxes, income taxes, taxes that the people can see. Let's not kid the people with these hidden taxes on inventories and on equipment and on other items. And on the basis of that, on a broad scale across this state the majority in this Legislature voted to exempt those taxes. Now you are being faced again time after time with hidden taxes and instead of saying, let's be up front about these taxes, you are saying, all right, we will hide them and it is not just one hidden tax that you are hiding with these tax exempt bonds, you are hiding two. You are hiding the additional tax that people pay when they pay higher interest rates on municipal bonds because of the flooding of the market with bonds. You are hiding that from them and you are hiding also the tax that is paid by the middle class when you exempt the rich from taxation because you are issuing tax exempt bonds. Be consistent. If you are really against hidden taxes, then be against tax exempt bonds. If you want to finance private schools, let's put it in the Constitution and flat out appropriate money for the financing of those schools. We are doing it just the same but we are kidding people. Give that some consideration. Thank you.