

public interest and so forth. Let me just say this. I suffer no embarrassment. I don't think the livestock industry needs to apologize because of a lack of support of state government. I think we've supported the state government far above and beyond the call of duty, especially as Senator Warner has just pointed out, an industry which is so fragile in their profit structure. Three cents a head is not going to break us. No, I'm not saying that. The point I want to make is this. I don't think it is an equitable way to do it. I think the industry testified against the proposal. There is some people who thought it would never show up in the bill. As a result they relaxed. There have been many, many other indications of the same kind of activity. Now if you want to go about the business of raising fees across the board to raise four or five million bucks, that is your prerogative but it is just like cutting off the dogs tail an inch at a time. Every time a producer or a consumer pays one of those fees he is going to be much more irate than if you just raise the income tax 1% or the sales tax a half a percent or if you cut out an unnecessary service and I'm not so sure that the livestock industry would go to hell frankly, if you cut out the whole darn Bureau. And so I'm just asking you in these times, in these times we talk about the revenue problem we face...

SENATOR NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I don't know that we need it. Let's take a look at what we really need. When we're laying off people across the State of Nebraska, we're cutting back on the salaries paid to present employees, maybe there is someplace we can just cut out a job, cut out an inspection and cut out some of the harassment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Half a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: People stand on this floor and talk in favor of business every day but the livestock auction market and the market in Omaha is the most supervised business you can ask for. There is an inspector coming down the pike every day out there to look at something, either the livestock or the equipment or the scale tickets or the receipts or something else, or the trust fund and I'm not so sure they serve all that much of a good purpose. So I ask you to support the amendment and delete Section 8 from LB 966.

SENATOR NICHOL: We are voting on the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Nichol voting no.

SENATOR NICHOL: Have you all voted? Record the vote,