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SENATOR CLARK: I would like to introduce to the Legislature Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bopp from Spaulding, Nebraska, and their daughter, Paula. Paula was just made an admiral in the Nebraska Navy by Governor Thone a while ago. Also with the Bopp's is Peggy Pierson. Will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Newell is next. Senator Newell, did you want to talk?

SENATOR NEWELL: I was going to ask Senator Johnson if he would also give us the per capita information for each county in the state and the other detailed information related to this question of Medicaid although I don't know that Senator Johnson wants to take that much time. I would certainly yield him that time if he would like to answer any or all of those questions.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I don't have the...I don't believe I have on my desk at least, Senator Newell, the per capita information on Medicaid.

SENATOR NEWELL: Would you like to read the various statutes for each and every county? I'm sure that Senator Schmit has more than one county that he is concerned about. He happens to live in Butler County but I'm sure that he is concerned about Platte and Saunders also.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: No, I think not at this time, Senator Newell, though I do appreciate the kind offer. If there are any questions I would be glad to take them up other than that.

SENATOR NEWELL: I am curious how Platte and Saunders Counties would do but with that, I would urge the body to advance LB 522.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, last year I sat here, yes, I was sitting in my chair believe it or not, and I heard senators get up on the floor and say that if we pass the bill to lower the counties share, I believe it is of Medicare 2%, that this would lower the property tax and that we should do this and this was hammered home time after time after time. So sure enough, we did reduce it and I checked the senator who really was pushing this. I checked his counties and I checked my counties and do you know how much the taxes came down? They went up. The County Board took the money and spent it somewhere else. So when somebody stands up here and says that this is direct property tax relief I have to see it because we didn't see it last time and I don't know how we can see it this time. So I kind of object, Senator Johnson, to you using that term

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