

SENATOR DeCAMP: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I don't think we will get it done anyway.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator DeCamp, I know that you have done tremendous research in this area. We have dealt with this before, previously, can you enlighten this body as to what has been our success in the past in trying to put these properties on the tax roles or try to get the concessions or agreement by the federal government to allow these privately owned personal property to be placed on the tax roles. I think it would be helpful for the body and I think it would be helpful to me if you could enlighten us.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes I will, why not. Well it always seemed to get rolling good, everyone was enthused about it and then I would contact the Congressional delegation and the Congressional delegation would be fired up and the next thing I would know they would kind of call me and explain to me that we are working on this and if you come back next year we will talk about it. Well we would wait and nothing would happen. There are some awfully big people involved that simply don't want to be taxed and they would be taxed anywhere else in the state and I think the only way we are going to do it is if this Legislature forces the hand of somebody. You are not going to get the Congressional delegation to bite the bullet and anger the people on this. Now back in the old days, by the old days meaning a few years ago, it used to be kind of like a church. You remember if you went into a church you had some sanctuary, supposedly if the enemy was chasing you, what used to occur on Offutt, and we checked out enough to kind of prove it, was lets say a big construction company, lets say, that had a lot of equipment, expensive like blazers and well people that build highways and things like that, lets assume, because all property is taxed as of one January, right? Whatever is located in a place on one January, well what kind of would happen is maybe you would have a contract out at Offutt Air Force Base, for example and several million dollars of equipment would be moved on to the base, lets say from Coowitty Construction Company or just whatever name you wanted to make up, almost, and then that property because it was physically located on the base, on that one day of the year supposedly for a contract wouldn't pay any personal property so it became, it even became, and it has pretty well been shown that through various studies done over the years a haven to even take equipment and hide it. I think it is