

public official, appeared for the delinquent. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. A motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Schmit and Rod Johnson would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Wehrbein would have the option to lay the bill over.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wehrbein, what are your wishes?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Let's go ahead.

SPEAKER BARRETT: We will proceed, then. Pursuant to our new rules, Senator Schmit, you have the first option to speak, followed immediately by Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: First of all, I accept Senator Haberman's generous offer if it does not violate any of the laws regarding legislative officials or public officials. I think you are most generous, Senator Haberman. I didn't mention the rate of interest. I suppose that it will be usurious as usual, but the point I want to make is this. There are those of us who do not have a lot of money. There are a lot of people who own property who from time to time consider themselves to be property poor. I guess I am a little disappointed that my good friend, Senator Wehrbein, a rural legislator, would bring in this bill. I don't suppose the fact that he is close by Mr. George Miller would have any connection with that. Let me tell you that I have always supported fair publication rates for the Nebraska Press Association for legal notices and I would continue to do so, but I want to point out that in this instance I think we are going too far. Senator Haberman said that there is a decrease in the levy because of the collection of taxes. Senator Haberman, I would dispute that. The failure to pay taxes does not remove the obligation, and I want to point out that they are going to collect those taxes one way or another and, in most instances, those taxes are collected. There isn't any way in the world that you cannot abdicate your responsibility by not paying those taxes. Those taxes continue. You can't wipe them out. I would just like to point out that there are many people who want to speak on this. I am not going to take a lot of time now. I am going to give first Senator Landis some of my time, and then if there is any time after that, let Senator Jacky Smith have the rest of the time, but I want you to speak on this bill, but I want to point out, again, it is not easy to pay your property