

then the only possible motive for this bill is public embarrassment. Well, then why not bring back the stocks and put us on the courthouse lawn in stocks for three days or so, something like that, bring back debtor's prison, if you so choose, do something that really humiliates people, do something that really puts the screws to them if you want to do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I can pay the tax on the luxuries that I choose to buy. If I make any money, I can afford to pay the income tax, and I am glad to do it. I can control to some extent the taxes I pay on sales taxes, but, ladies and gentlemen, I have absolutely no control, so to speak, on my property taxes nor do the vast majority of the citizens of this State of Nebraska, which is why they object more strenuously to the abominable property taxes than any other tax. I think our county officials are fully aware of that, and they do as good a job as you can expect anyone to do under the circumstances, but they do not want to add the additional embarrassment of publishing someone's name because they might be temporarily strapped for cash. Ladies and gentlemen, I am off the hook. Senator Haberman has generously agreed to loan me the money to pay my taxes. That leaves a million, six hundred and some other persons out there who don't have that kind of an offer. Senator Haberman, you might be able to extend that offer to someone, but the point I want to make is this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The bill is for one purpose, to publicly humiliate the taxpayer. We don't publicly humiliate those who can't...who for some reason or other have to live on the public largess. We don't humiliate those people who don't pay their child support. There are many other areas. I don't think we should pick on the one person who has no defense, and that is the property taxpayer in this state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question before the body is the indefinite postponement of LB 236. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, those opposed no. Voting on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 236.