

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay, when that is taken out, what repercussions or do you see any repercussions when the people find out when this happens? Will there be any repercussions or are people going to accept it, do you think?

SENATOR WITHEM: Every year my withholding changes January 1, based on a federal change, a state change, some other sort of changes. People, I think, expect their withholding to change along about the first of the year and this is not going to be a major withholding difference, I don't believe. And so, no, I don't think there will be any major repercussions.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay. Have you talked to very many CPAs or any people that...IRS people in regards to this bill and their opinions on this?

SENATOR WITHEM: No, I have not.

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, I have tried to get a perspective on this bill and I have talked to a lot of people and I have talked to some CPAs and I just talked recently to an IRS man in Norfolk. A constituent called me and he said, you should call him. The people that figure income taxes are telling me they're going to get very little tax relief but a heck of a lot more taxes. Do you agree with that statement?

SENATOR WITHEM: Absolutely 100 percent no, not at all.

SENATOR PETERSON: You don't? So you disagree with that and yet these experts that are doing the taxes and that say the opposite, I guess.

SENATOR WITHEM: The experts, the Nebraska Tax Research Council that's looked at this says that there will be a net decline of about one-half of 1 percent in overall taxes collected in Nebraska if this passes, because of the lid. You talk to your experts and I'll talk to mine.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: The people I talk to say that there will be a fair degree of tax relief for lots of individuals in the state.

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, they're not disputing that there is going to be some tax relief but they tell me that what little