

good politician would do, we spent it all and so all of a sudden the next year we came back and we said, you know, in the words of a good Catholic, bless me, Father, for I have sinned. I didn't intend to have a tax increase, no, never intended it. Had I known it, I wouldn't have voted for it. Vard told them all on the floor in response to my question, you're going to have a tax increase and they did. Next year, we said, oh, no, so we wheeled it back down a fraction of a percent, a fraction of a percent. Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know if this is going to be the biggest tax increase or the second largest tax increase, depends upon how you read the numbers. 773 was a pretty substantial one. I predict this will be almost as large a tax increase as was 773 and when the chickens come home to roost I can see 49 of us, 48, I'm not going to be doing it, going out and saying, we never intended it to be a tax increase. We thought it was going to be a shift. Ladies and gentlemen, don't be so foolish, don't be so foolish, it's a tax increase. It is the second largest if not the largest tax increase we've had in four years and, ladies and gentlemen, it's going to be almost, when you add that along with 773, it's going to be almost as much money as we were spending in the last, at least in the first few years of the Kerrey Administration. It's going to be kind of hard to swallow. I would predict one more thing. When the income tax increase hits the average wage earner, the fun is going to start. Someone said something about what is going to happen? I'll tell you what, if you really wanted to reduce spending, I said it before, all taxes ought to be collected by written check once every two years about one week before election. You know what? We would have the most economical government in the United States, in the whole world because not one of us would have the courage to require the taxpayer to write a check for all the sales tax, all the income tax, all the property tax...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...a week before election. If we did, we'd be all retired, wouldn't one of us get back in office, maybe justifiably so. We used to talk about quality education. No one even talks about a quality education here, talk about equity. Ladies and gentlemen, I defy you to show equity between taxpayers. Broad general groups, maybe, but not individual taxpayers. So pretty soon you're going to have to start talking about quality and the when that time comes I'll have some more to say. I oppose the Haberman amendment.