

many purchases. Here and there, true, but usually you will find that the person who can buy the \$20,000 vehicle, is able to pay the 4 percent tax, they will be able to pay the five. It's the person that's low income who does not make a very substantial purchase when he buys an automobile who is going to be saying, well, shucks, I pay it every day, it isn't going to make any difference if I pay the extra 1 percent on a \$1,000 car. So I would suggest that it might be better to spend the additional money to keep those roads up. I'm going to say one more thing. For example, in the City of Omaha,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...there's a substantial amount of highway construction being done there and the traffic must be diverted for a period of several years because of the length of time it's going to take to complete that work. If it's possible to accelerate that construction and not burden the public with having to drive around that construction process for a longer period of time, the money might even be well spent. So I would oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, you are next. May I introduce some guests, please, in the south balcony. They are guests of Senator Coordsen and there are 50 fourth grade students from Crete Public Schools in Crete, Nebraska, and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature, please. Thanks for visiting us today. We appreciate it. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, two things. Senator Smith, I'm glad that you finally dug in when I tried to find an answer the other day on whether truck-tractors were or was not included in motor vehicles and in the subsections and the mopeds and so on and so forth that you've finally gone to the tax portion and over the road truck-tractors then, for the records, will be included in your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR NELSON: All right. Because that is a major portion, I mean, they're 20, 30,000 and they're 15,000 for an old junker and that is...that is an item that is a big item for the farmers, as most of the trucking companies don't pay that tax. Again, I have to agree with Senator Schmit on this and our roads