

How do you like them apples? Not very good, not very good. You've been getting your dipper in the trough, Senator Byars, for a long period of time, and you've been riding a little bit higher on the hog than the rest of us folks out in the short grass country. And now you say, gee whiz, we want to have one more shot at the trough with the big dipper. And, obviously, we got the rich grandfather, it's well, it's well, it's excellent to be rich, it's a very, very, very beneficial position to be in. Unfortunately, ladies and gentlemen, we may be in a short time situation that we cannot continue year, after year, after year. We may have done so...we did this with the railroads. It was a bad decision then, it is a bad decision today to complete the process, because a year from now, two years from now you're not going to be able to do it. We have heard many, many talks on this floor this session relative to income, relative to expenditures, this is just one more. It's not a large amount of money, couple of million, two and a half million or therefore, but it's...it is the principle of the thing, ladies and gentlemen, I believe it's wrong.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I ask you not to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, I'd like to address the constitutionality question which, as I recall on the railroad tax issue I will admit there was no formal request for an opinion made. But I believe that was discussed. And I've talked with all kinds of people on that issue, and I don't believe that anybody ever decided or brought up an assurance or even a serious question about the constitutionality of that. And so I don't think that is a valid concern at this point. Senator Baack has also pointed out to me that Senator Johnson's map here seems to chop off a few of us out there. And this may be very good news for the Panhandle. Senator Johnson, would you answer a question, please?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Yes, Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Does this map mean that most of the people now living in the Panhandle are no longer under the jurisdiction