

So what you are going to do is say, I'm going to get my tax back. I've already paid it, by the way, I'm one of those people who have already paid it before December 1st. I'm going to get it back, if I refund after these cases are tried, I'm going to get it back, and all my business counterparts are going to get it back also. Me, the little guy, the businessman, we're going to get all this back. Who is going to pay for it if governments have to go on? You people who don't pay it right now. Now, if you think you're trying to help the little guy by putting this amendment on, I would suggest to you, you're helping the entrepreneur, the proprietor, the business corporations, the partnerships, the people who own motorboats, which I own one, by the way, people who own airplanes, I do not own one of those, and the motors that go along with them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: You're not helping the little guy by putting this amendment on. I think you're going to have the little guy pay the bigger people back.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, Senator Chambers on deck.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I'm glad Senator Withem brought this amendment because I think it gives us a chance to vent our frustrations with the box we're in here. And we're essentially...as the argument here...Senator Landis makes the point, and Senator Bernard-Stevens and others, we're caught between what is fair and what is practical here. And we're largely here, first, because of tax decisions made back in the sixties, when we took personal property off, and then, of course, the 4-R Act. So here we are saying I'd like to do something for the little guy. Senator Hannibal has said what the consequences of this are. And I guess I'll have to confess when I said to Senator Withem a little bit, if somebody can't give me a good reason for voting against this, I'm going to vote for it, because I wanted to hear this kind of debate, because I'm not sure people have really thought this through yet and really thought about how insidious that 4-R Act is, and yet I'm afraid we're stuck with it. I tried desperately, over the last year and a half, to get the thing changed; I don't think we're going to get it changed. So here we are faced with a bill that still kind of sticks it to the little guy, and there isn't any relief unless you sue, unless we do the Withem amendment. Yet