

You're saying everybody else out there, Joe Taxpayer, is going to pay for the tax break that the railroads got because of the 4-R Act. Now a simple question we have to ask ourselves is, is that the person who should pay for it? Or would it be wiser for us to say, if we're going to rob Peter to pay for Paul, shouldn't Peter at least be a brother? The immediate next of kin is the corporate community. And that goes, you know, it's a very simple logic. I remember Senator Landis and I, if I remember that back from the old fraternity days, that one person screwed up, the whole pledge class paid for it. We're simply saying one corporation goes through and is big enough and strong enough to get a 4-R Act, the whole corporate communities have to pay for those action, and that's either going to be the corporate community or everybody else. Now you can say it's outside of the call, granted, right here today it is outside of the call, but I guess I firmly believe this is something that we should do. It is my hope that if the Legislature chooses basically a straw poll here in the next hour this is something that we want to do, maybe as Senator Landis has said, maybe we can work on expanding the call and doing something like that. But if that is unsuccessful, I will be like Senator Landis, I'm not going to muster up LB 7. We need to pass that. I think we all agree on that. I think we should at least attempt to pay for LB 7. I remember last year when Senator Hall introduced a bingo bill that, and Senator Beck, that forgave the City of Omaha, basically gave them a million dollars for political reasons at that time for, \$400,000, Senator Hall corrects me. I chastised them severely and said it was irresponsible for them to give up tax base without replacing it just as I think it is irresponsible for us to basically say good-bye to \$12 million. The difficult thing is for me, is that being the persuasion that I am, I really don't want to be considered anti-business and I don't think I am and there is two reasons for that. Now to begin with go back to May of last year, late April and May of last year when we were debating LB 84. Select File debate, Select File vote, there was 37 people that voted to pass that bill. Do you remember the Attorney General's Opinion came back and said, hey, you can't pass a bill like that, you have to include business inventory. Thirty-seven people did not really want to give that tax break to them, we were forced to by the Attorney General. We came back and we did. That far exceeds the \$12 million that we're talking about here. That was a windfall the business community got because the Attorney General made us. Now, secondly, the other thing that just plain irks me is the fact that go back to June or July of last year, pre-Enron