

under this proposal? Does anyone know exactly how much is collected?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And how it is spent, if you have...

SENATOR MOORE: I don't have it off the top of my head, Senator Schmit. I do know that the bulk of the money is sent back to Washington, D.C. Well, I shouldn't say Washington, D.C., but the national association. The percentage I couldn't give you, no.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And what do they do with it, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, it is my understanding, and I could be wrong here, too, because you catch me off cold here, but it is my understanding that like many of the ads we see on TV about eating meat are paid for by that national fund.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. I also understand that a fast food like McDonald's spends many times more than what we raise, and that is fine with me. I think that we have always had some excellent promotion activity, both within and without. I am not saying that I am opposed to what they are doing. What I am saying is that I am not really wildly enthusiastic about being the tax gatherer, and then being the person who is also responsible for turning that money over to a nonprofit agency. I would suggest perhaps that one of these days we are going to be arguing the reestablishment of the personal tax upon livestock. And if we do that, what we did a number of years ago, on January 1st, we are going to count all the cattle in the state, and then we are going to pay a tax on them. That tax may be as much as several bucks per head. This tax today amounts to \$1 for every time an animal moves through the system. In other words, it is not unusual for an animal to be taxed three or four times from the time it is born until it is slaughtered. That means that we are voluntarily submitting to a substantial tax, probably twice as much tax, in this instance, as we would pay if we paid the personal tax. Now if we don't like the way the personal tax is being spent, we can go to the county courthouse and complain to our county board. In this instance, I challenge anyone to tell me the name of more than two or three people in the State of Nebraska to whom you can complain, and they are, I believe, a member of about a 150 member board, and I do not