

proposal is no good. And a microcosm of that is really just the committee hearings, three that we've had on these issues, this session alone. When you start talking about the entire tax code, you're going to see them come up with every excuse from, you know, my daughter's sick, to that's going to cost my grandmother her exemption. I mean, everything under the sun will surface, and more than that will surface as to why we can't make these changes, because they are not going to have any threat out there, and it has to be a threat. Senator Schmit, more than any, I think, probably has been here long enough to know that you can't get their attention by loving them to death, it just doesn't happen. And to adopt Senator Lamb's amendment, which lets everybody out of the barn, and then you close the door, to steal a line from somebody I knew once, what you do, what you do is take all the incentive for them to ever come to the table. Now at a minimum, at a minimum what you ought to do is what I think Senator Warner is going to propose, which says, well, let's not create total chaos, Senator Hall, let's only create a little bit of chaos, where we can control it, where everybody understands it, chaos that we're familiar, and that's to have the system come back to the position where it currently is now. I could probably live with that. When that amendment comes up I may very likely support that amendment. But Senator Lamb's amendment, I think, is very detrimental to the overall process of saying...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...we're just going to let the exemptions go. Just like the argument that I've heard so many times this morning that a temporary tax plan always seems to become a permanent tax plan, a temporary exemption, clearly, more so than a temporarily tax, always happens to stay on the books. They're much easier to give back than they are to take away. I mean, there is just no way else to put it. If you support Senator Lamb's amendment, plan on having sales and income and real estate taxes go up for the people in the State of Nebraska, because business will do their best, and they'll be very successful. An example of that is a simple amendment this morning dealing with the personal property tax under the 775 provisions, very simple amendment, should have been adopted without any problem, did not threaten anyone, but business geared up and said, hey, we're going to protect our interests on an amendment that would have hurt no one, would have hurt no one, and...