

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR HEFNER: But this...this is the information I got from some of the other states that do charge sales tax...

SENATOR CROSBY: I see.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...on food.

SENATOR CROSBY: I see, okay, thank you, that's what...I couldn't...I couldn't figure out where your source was because the \$3,300 a year and those figures just didn't sound realistic for food, for groceries.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Crosby, I think that was in the same information that I got where it said 20 states were charging sales tax on food.

SENATOR CROSBY: I see, okay. Okay, thank you. For me, you see, the food tax is a bad tax and I...just for myself and my husband and I have a son in town who comes for dinner once in a while and that kind of thing, I...I spend quite a lot for groceries. Now in a grocery store, you do not...you do pay sales tax on paper items and things that are nonfood items and that was why I was asking my question because I wanted to be sure that those figures they had broken out were just on food. But when you start for a family of four to buy groceries that's a big item out of the budget each month and, as I look back, and I think Senator Will brought this out too that the credit just simply does not work, it doesn't give enough of a credit and a lot of people perhaps don't have enough income and elderly people who are on a fixed income and so on, that tax on food, I just can't vote for this amendment because of that, because I just can't...I just think that going back and taxing food is one of the worst things we could do right now. I voted for the sales tax thing yesterday and the reason I did and I have had a few phone calls because we got people's attention, didn't we? Yes, because up to late yesterday afternoon nobody was paying any attention. Well, we got your attention and we need to go back on the whole thing and decide how we're going to, in a realistic way, bring some kind of order out of what now looks like chaos to me and to everyone else in our tax system because of the Supreme Court decisions and other factors that have come about. So I...at this moment, I certainly won't vote for this