

I thought, Senator Schellpeper's amendment which I believe treated the thing the way it ought to be treated, up front. The reason today that people are concerned about property taxes is that they have become too high. If we continue to put the tax on sales and income tax, the public knows exactly what is happening, and when they rebel, then amendments such as the one that I had that would have done away with \$3 million for attorney fees for the State of Nebraska will be more acceptable. It's kind of interesting, we could probably fire enough attorneys working for the State of Nebraska to save the \$90 million and no one would miss them, but no one is going to talk about that. No one would ever take a good hard look at where else we might cut that budget to that extent, although we all know it could be done. I just want to say that we know what will happen. Senator Lindsay will offer his amendment and all of a sudden the farmer votes for this twenty-twenty, our vision will get better, Senator Hall, it will be twenty-twenty all right. We will see what is happening. One of the hazards of those of us who are a little older is that we think the young guys are really not very smart, but they're not only smart, but they work hard at it and then they're a little bit inclined to be clever also and they throw that net out there and we say, aha, caught the engineers, caught the architects, caught the lawyers, the accounts, what a more deserving bunch. And all of a sudden there's a second net, and as Senator Lindsay pointed out, guess who is there? Old farmer Schmit is there. I don't like it very good and the wheat harvester is there and the veterinarian's there and all the rest of them. Last but not least, how many attorneys do you suppose are hired by the utilities, you know gas company, power company, all the rest of them? Going to add it on the light bill. The consumer is going to pay in the end anyway and the lawyer who is making a lot of money I venture to say would just as soon pay it up front on a sales tax or an income tax. I commend Senator Hall for what looks like the perfect solution and here tonight at seven fifty-five after a long, hard day, it appears to be that. But, ladies and gentlemen, after a fitful night of sleep and a few phone calls in the morning, it will be just like the sales tax, income tax amendment of Senator Schellpeper that he gets on, the starch in your backbone turns to jelly and you'll come whimpering back, say, wait a minute, Senator Hall tricked us. Senator Hall is not tricking you, he's laying it out there, but I'm just wondering how many of you can stand the heat. The longer that we debate this issue, the more convinced I am that Senator Carson and I, Carson Rogers and I had a pretty good