

amends Senator Hall's amendment, AM2169. If you want to follow along with that, on page 9, line 22, we strike, "not exceed one hundred thousand dollars", and insert "equal one-half the amount otherwise due". This would equalize...this would equalize the amount that is paid by the small companies versus the large companies. I don't know why we want to give the large companies a break when we're not giving the small companies a break. I feel that the small companies have just as much of a problem or probably a lot bigger problem staying in business than the big companies. So this would be treating everybody a little more fairly. And then the second part of that, on page 18, line 11, strike "fifty". This would levy a \$100 a year to each corporation instead of the 150, because, like I mentioned before and I think Senator Stan Schellpeper mentioned it too, we're treating the small corporations the same as the big corporations. It doesn't look fair to me to levy a \$100 against a small corporation and then levy the same amount to a big corporation. And so I just think this is a little more fair, it's treating the little guy a little more fairly in accordance with some of the big companies. I don't want to take too much time on this but I think it just makes it a little more fair. Will it raise enough money? It probably will be a little short but it shouldn't be that much short. I haven't had time to calculate it out but I know when we were working on some of these before, cutting that down from 150 to a 100 wouldn't make that much difference. We would probably lose a million or a million and a half but it shouldn't be that bad. If you have any questions, I would be real happy to try to answer them for you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. We will...I've got a list of speakers and I will see if you want to speak on the Hefner amendment. Senator Robak, on the Hefner amendment? Senator Wehrbein, on the Hefner amendment?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I guess I have a question for Senator Hefner. But first I want to ask Senator Hall a question so I understand the corporate tax.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall, would you respond, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is that the occupation tax we pay annually?