

SENATOR HALL: No, it would be in addition to that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So then if you're paying \$75 a year tax, that has nothing to do with this. This is going to be \$150 flat.

SENATOR HALL: One time, exactly, yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So I read this, it's a minimum, but this is really a flat assessment against every corporation that lives in Nebraska.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct, that files a tax return.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, thank you. The other one is, Senator Hefner, on yours, equal one-half of the amount otherwise due, could you explain that just a little more?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, would you respond?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Senator Wehrbein. Now the way it says there would be 5 percent sales tax charged on all energy used by business or industries up to a maximum of \$100,000. This strikes the \$100,000 out and everybody would just pay one-half the amount otherwise due. So what...what we're saying in this amendment all businesses and industries would be charged 2.5 percent sales tax on their energy use.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. Yes, I would like to yield the balance of my time to Senator Landis, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, you have about three and a half minutes.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we're on Select File. That means any amendment has to have 25 votes, whether it's an amendment to an amendment or whether it's an amendment to the bill. All right. What I would prevail upon the body and Senator Hefner to do is to consider this. I would suggest that we not begin this process at this moment and that is the nickel and diming of the Hall amendment. There will be plenty of time to do that but what we most critically need to do is to find out whether this is the basic engine for the machine. We need to find out whether this concept, with whatever modifications with 25 votes we can later make to it, is going to get us the machine to pass 829. Senator