

SENATOR HALL: All homeowners do.

SENATOR ROBAK: All homeowners do.

SENATOR HALL: That's right.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, and then you just said that NPPD and all those other people will pass their cost onto the homeowners and that...is that double taxation or not?

SENATOR HALL: No, it's just basically it's cost of doing business. It will fall...if they are taxed as generators, Senator Robak, when they figure their cost to produce the energy, send it through to the ultimate consumer, they will figure in the tax when they figure the price of the utility, whether it be, you know, well, whether it be electrical or coal generation or whatever it might be. That will just be figured in the overall cost of the unit of production and it will be added right in but it's not going to be a...

SENATOR ROBAK: You don't consider...

SENATOR HALL: ...a separate line item that...

SENATOR ROBAK: You don't consider that double taxation then?

SENATOR HALL: Well, we're going to tax whatever...we're going to tax, as a sales tax, for the homeowner whatever they use in terms of whatever the cost of that energy is. If that cost of energy includes a tax that NPPD might pay, I would argue that it's no different than, you know, the sales tax that I pay on a tangible piece of property that I buy from the hardware store that that individual is paying, for example, income tax on.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, and you say that this...your...this proposal, which I think is good, too, except for this one little part that I have a problem with and I think this is about as great as we could come to at any time, that we're trying to tax as close as possible the people that cause the problem. Well, the homeowners did not cause this problem and they're the one that's going to get hit again and it's almost sort of like an income tax which we didn't want to do to the little homeowners and the small people again. Is that right?