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SENATOR HALL: Ah...

SENATOR ROBAK: I don't want to tax gas companies, by any chance...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: ...but I was wondering if that was not something to be looked at to divide it up a little bit evenly.

SENATOR HALL: Well, any gas company that would be in Nebraska that depreciated any property would now pay a 2 percent surcharge, they would pay...if their corporate income was over 200,000, they would be paying an 8.99 percent bracket. They would be paying...if utility sales tax on utilities that they use in their own business to keep the lights on, I mean, and they would be paying a minimum corporate tax of 150, so that gas company would be paying at least four of these different areas and even if they sold something, if they sold appliances as a gas company, they would be paying or losing one-half of their retail collection sales tax fee, so they could possibly be hit by all five of these aspects.

SENATOR ROBAK: You have a good package, I guess I just didn't want the average homeowner to get hit again. That's the person we're trying to protect and it looks like they're getting taxed too...sort of...almost like an income tax. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Senator Hall, I'm sure you share my frustration about getting printed amendments in the afternoon so you don't have a chance to deal with them. And one of the questions I have, if you would yield to a question.

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

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Hall, on the...I suppose in the large scheme of things this isn't the most monumental but it's