

taxed, what we shall not tax, and who we will tax, and all other subsidiary kinds of taxation. And it also reenforces what I have said earlier that we have already taken the real estate tax situation and begun to dismantle it like we did the personal tax situation. We have the homestead exemption. We have the ag land exemption, which I remind you, I opposed. We have the green belt exemption, and we will be (inaudible) some more out of this thing with this Mickey Mouse thing which you have here, which we call 186, all due respect to my friend, Governor Nelson. The facts are, ladies and gentlemen, I am appalled that someone says this is what we ought to do but it is too honest an approach. Let us find out once and for all if the people really understand what the Legislature can do, will they give us that authority? And if they say, no, we cannot trust you, then we had better come back and look at ourselves and find out whether or not we are really the body that we ought to be. This is up front, it is plain spoken. It gives us the authority to tax and raise the revenue necessary for the State of Nebraska in whatever manner we may direct. I have a question for Senator...for Senator Tim Hall.

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

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It looks like this amendment doesn't have too much early support, so what I would like to ask if perhaps we could build a little support. You suggested one time, Senator Hall, that you wanted to elect the Supreme Court judges. Senator Kristensen suggested that perhaps he would offer a friendly amendment. Would you support the bill if I accepted that sort of an amendment?

SENATOR HALL: You mean the...

SENATOR SCHMIT: The amendment.

SENATOR HALL: The Kristensen amendment or the Supreme Court?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, yours, the one you suggested to me.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schmit, it would be difficult to vote against the proposal if we had attached to it an amendment to elect the Supreme Court Justices. I would vote for it at that point in time.