

I think that when you try to take this off of this bill they're trying to really gut the bill is what the amendment is really trying to do. And I think that needs to be in there because that will be how we need to fund this \$100 million. I think maybe that the bill, 1120, probably raises more money than what is really needed. We can probably look at some of these here services, but when you look at a service tax on intrastate telephone we currently have that, so we're going to put it on interstate also. It just makes sense if you're going to put it on intrastate that you also have it on interstate. I think that's something that will be accepted. You know, you have it on electricity. You have it on natural gas, sewer and refuse. We already have that tax on those services. All he's doing with this amendment that Senator Hall has is to try to expand that service. So, once again, I am opposed to this amendment and I think that we need to move on and move to more taxes on services. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. I will now recognize Senator Schmit, followed by Senators Morrissey, Hefner, Hall, Lynch, Wehrbein and Conway. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President, members, I know that the laundry list of tax on services is always subject to expansion or to recession but the facts are that I believe the time will come when we have to have some taxes on services and we ought to take a good look at it. I do not, at this time, support this amendment but I do want to call your attention to the fact that there are some areas that we ought to look at and we ought to be looking down the road a long way. And I passed out, for your information, a letter I received from the fiscal staff this morning which indicated that the State of Wyoming collects \$265 million from service taxes on minerals. I have, this afternoon, before the Revenue Committee...and I apologize, I will not be there to introduce the bill, but Senator Owen Elmer will introduce the bill, a severance tax on water. And someone says, well, that's not going to raise any money because only Julesberg, Colorado and Bern, Kansas, at the present time, get water from Nebraska and, secondly, it's unconstitutional and so you're just whistling in the dark. The point I want to make is this, that is what I call long range planning. That is planning for the time when the City of Denver and Albuquerque and other cities will look to Nebraska for water. We ought to put into place today that kind of a tax so as to protect Nebraska's most valuable resource and also so as to raise some revenue from that