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not produce anything of value. Mostly you shuffle paper back and forth. If we were to take a good, hard look at what Senator Schellpeper has said, Nebraska agriculture and American agriculture is in a worse shape today than we were in the middle eighties. One of the things that I have learned on this floor early on time after time is you never get anywhere pleading. If I were to stand up here and plead and beg and whine and whimper for equity for agriculture, I'm going to get stomped. There is only one way that it will work and that is an equal give and take basis. And we recognize that farmers are in the minority in this body. People with farm interests are in the minority, but again what Senator Schellpeper said rings very true and that is you do not just isolate the Nebraska farmer. You isolate every single small town citizen out there and that means everyone west of 10th Street in Lincoln, everyone west of 90th or 120th in Omaha and eventually, ladies and gentlemen, it isn't going to work, it's not going to work. You can get away with it for a while, but it will not work. I like to see the ConAgras and their excellent return on equity. I think that's wonderful, but remember that while ConAgra has 20, 25 percent return on equity, American agriculture has 4 and 5. And how anyone on this floor with any sense of equity would say that that means that we need to increase the burden for agriculture is beyond me. I would suggest that the time may come, sooner rather than later, and I'm sure that the Governor is concerned about agriculture. I'm just concerned that the Governor perhaps and many other persons have not yet learned of the proper way in which to finance this government of ours. First of all, it's too large. Secondly, we've already exempted too many entities from their fair share and, third, the votes may not be here today to bring about equity but eventually that will return. Because if we continue in the road we are going, it is inevitable that those institutions which today enjoy the most favored status are going to suffer and by that time there will be panic in the streets and it will probably be too late. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Landis, you're next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. President, I'm reeling from the blows landed by my colleague, Elroy Hefner, claiming my hypocrisy in being a less than faithful adherent to the principle of progressivity, having been a proponent of an income tax bill. Senator Hefner voted against that bill in committee