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think the right thing to do is have everybody share in the problem that the Supreme Court has created for us in our tax policy. Instead of just having one entity pay the price, I would certainly prefer to have everybody in the state pay the price for certainly, in my opinion, a sounder tax policy that is much easier to administer and that I think will be much more defensible in a court of law as time moves on. For that reason, I will support Senator Johnson's amendment. If that gets on, we can still come back and look at the amendment I have and there will be some other amendments. But the real battle, the real battle is going to be whether or not there is the votes to ever move 1120. And I think that everybody in the state, as well as everybody over in the Governor's office, needs to look and see how many votes there are there that truly think the proper policy course is to go the direction...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...of exempting all personal property.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Johnson's amendment. It seems to me as though for one time this body should listen to the man on the street, the man who works from eight to five, the farmer, the business man. As my mail and phone calls show, they would like to have the sales tax increased and the income tax, but we're talking just about the sales tax. Now we'll possibly have some people from the eastern part of Nebraska or from cities who have a city sales tax get up and oppose this amendment. Some of them might say we oppose this amendment due to it raises the sales tax too much, we will not be able to compete with the guy across the line or across the river. Well, fellow senators, in my opinion, that's their problem. Our problem is to do something about the state taxes, the personal property tax, the real estate tax. We don't have and cannot take care of the problem of the city who has a city sales tax and is concerned about raising the state sales tax. Senator Moore has stated that the heavy fighting is going to be on advancing 1120. And Senator Moore has said we do not want to put the personal property tax back on. I agree with that. So, in looking over this body, I see a couple of attorneys and I say to myself, what personal property tax do they have? What inventory do they have? What inventory does an accountant have? A doctor, what inventory?