

roll in under personal property, where else is it going to come from? It's going to come from the overall real property base. That's exactly where it's going to flow from. So to go out and sell this proposal as one that keeps personal property on the tax rolls and yet will not...will ensure that real estate taxes don't go up for the residential homeowner is dealing in half truths. It is dealing in half truths. And you won't feel the effects of that. Maybe you can sell it at the poll in the form of a constitutional amendment the first time out. But I guarantee you, ladies and gentlemen, there's going to be a lot of people that are real sorry when the election comes up the next time and they try to argue...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...that they didn't increase real estate taxes. There's going to be example after example to show that that isn't the case.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam President and members, I rise to support Senator Johnson's amendment. First of all, and Senator Hall mentioned this on depreciation, I've been trying to find out how many citizens in the State of Nebraska have any depreciable item, I mean, I think there will be the majority of our citizens in the state that that particular bill will not cost them a dime. Some of the meetings that I have had with the Governor, he mentioned sales and income. He said over the last seven years, I don't know where he received his information, that farmers will pay more on sales and income tax. And I said, Governor, that's fine, I don't think I know the farmer or anyone else, as far as that goes, if they make the money, they would be glad to pay it. If you make it, you can pay it. So I don't see that that even holds water. The other thing is we constantly talk about can we pass the constitutional amendment? I think that I can sell the constitutional amendment with sales and income tax because, as I stated before, if I make something, I'm glad to pay income and sales tax. The depreciation part of the Governor's bill does just not cut the mustard, as far as I'm concerned, because I go back and state again, I've been trying to get some of them figures. I've never been able to get them. But how many people have a depreciable item? I'm sure there's many, many people that that particular aspect would not cost them one dime. Thank you.