

heard that expressed and I could go on with some others. The point is that we seem to have different ideas of what is fair and what isn't. I think it's time to get on to something that we can agree on because I think the real thing that we need to do is to get a tax base in Nebraska that is at least perceived to be fair by everyone and we may not get to actual fact. I'm reluctant to admit that. But I think we do need to get onto something and we have time is of the essence to quite a degree. We have just a few more days if we are to have a constitutional amendment put on the ballot. All Nebraskans want us to get a solution and move on and I think it's time that we do that. I think the debate is served to help that purpose. I'll repeat, I only wish that everyone could have heard the debate as we've had it. I do not consider it a waste of time as many...as we've had some editorials insinuate at least. I think it needs to be done and I think that we need to move on, but I would say that each of us needs to realize that some of the votes that we have wanted to come to fruition and they were not what we wanted to do. I think we need to look on to something else and see where we can find a consensus and get with it. And that is my premise, and I will vote for 1063. I would also, like I said, like Senator Howard Lamb's proposal. I'm willing to work with 1063 to perhaps expedite the process and with that I'll conclude.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schmit, you're next.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, back in 1978 or '79 President Carter said that he had a plan to solve the energy problem. Eighty some percent of the people applauded President Carter and supported him very overwhelmingly. Then someone asked a question, would you support a massive increase in the federal gasoline tax and 65 percent of the people said absolutely not, and that was the crux of President Carter's plan to solve the energy crisis. That is the crux of the problem here, ladies and gentlemen. Governor Nelson's tax plan provides a return to the taxation of personal property. I will guarantee you that if you were to ask the people of the state, do you support the 3-R plan? They may say, yes, it looks like a good idea. But if you were to say do you support Governor Nelson's tax plan which returns to the taxation of personal property, I will be willing to wager you that the overwhelming response will be no. It's all in how you phrase the question. And I think that it's time that we phrase the question that way. I think