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Senator Landis, I would hope that we would all come to the table with an open mind and a clear conscience because to return to the taxation of personal property is a step in the wrong direction and it is a repudiation of a system which ought to...it is a reenactment of a system which ought not to be...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...reinstated.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Moore. Senator Moore passes. We'll move to Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I know there's an individual lurking out there some place and we call her the fat lady. Whether we like it or not, she's cleaning out her vocal chords because the fat lady is just about ready to sing, isn't she, John? I can tell by the look on John's face. Our noses are down on the pavement whether we like it or not. We're saying to ourselves we got to cut our losses and run, but I just want to make a few comments. I stand to oppose 1063, but I stand in favor of Senator Lamb's proposal. I've heard personal property tax till it's running out of my ears, but let's talk about what is personal property tax? Why do we have personal property tax? So we can fuel the bureaucracy. That's the only reason we have it. We don't talk about that. We should just tax people on sales and income tax. We haven't talked about cutting the big trough that we run or saying no to the feds back in Washington. If you don't think so, sit on the Appropriations Committee. I got lobbied six times. We had a brief break in the Appropriations Committee yesterday. I walked down one end of the hallway back there. I got lobbied six times by those little guys that the Governor talks about. I want to talk about those little guys. They're all my friends too, I want you to know that. They're the lawyers, they're the bankers, they're the lobbyists, they're the college professors except Senator Hartnett, CPAs, the insurance executives, ConAgra executives, telephone executives, government employees, those in the higher echelon of salaries, air force officers, nice guys, but, man, they do okay; newspaper people and chamber of commerce executives, they're the little guys, they're the little guys that Senator (sic) Nelson is talking about. Couldn't help...I listened to...listened and then I watched the debate the other night on TV. I was razzing my good friend, Senator Landis. You know, I can't say that. I got something I should say, but he