

Constitution and at the same time changing policy, that's what upsets me, that's why I will continue to oppose this, that's why we should support Senator Elmer's amendment.

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

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Elmer's amendment to Senator Warner's amendment because I think if we're going to put all back on, we should mean all. We should include household goods and I realize it may be hard to assess that, but like Senator Schmit said, let's do it the way the insurance companies do, that isn't too bad an idea. Now 50 percent of the valuation of that house that you live in is too great, well let's drop that. Let's put on 20 percent then, or 30 percent, but we can do that here. I believe, like Senator Scott Moore said that everything should go back on and Senator Owen Elmer said he didn't have time to get the amendment drafted to include everything else, well let's adopt this amendment first and then when we're debating the bill which should come up a little later on, then we can add the others to it. But I think if we mean all tangible personal property, then we should say and do it all and so I would certainly support this amendment. The Revenue Committee just recently heard Senator Wehrbein's bill to add household goods to the property tax rolls and I didn't have any problem with that. I think that's the way to go and I would encourage you to support Senator Owen Elmer's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, Senator Wehrbein said when he introduced the bill to return the personal prop...the household goods to the tax rolls no one supported him and no one opposed him, he didn't even close. Do not be discouraged, Senator Wehrbein, frequently ideas such as that are ahead of their time or else they are so politically dangerous that no reasonable person wants to touch them, does not mean they do not have merit. I would suggest that, as I said before, the issue whether or not to tax personal property is a measure raising revenue ought not to be a rural versus urban issue. The issue we're talking about here today is whether or not we return to an outdated, outmoded, antiquated system for supporting government by the taxation of property or do we move, as has been indicated on this floor by a number of individuals toward another source of income, namely income taxes and/or sales