

over the long haul to depreciable personal property, the bill needs to remain as it is and the only tie to the federal depreciation schedule should be for the two purposes I indicated, which is date of purchase and purchase price.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we continue with debate, I would like to direct the senators attention to the area under the north balcony. A special guest today of Senator Schellpeper is Jerry Atkinson of Norfolk. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. And in the south balcony, special guests of Senator Doug Kristensen are 16 students from Wilcox High School with their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. And just arriving in the south balcony are representatives of the Nebraska Nurses Association, who are attending the legislative session today as part of Nurses Day at the Unicameral. They are special guests of Senator Don Wesely. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. I will now recognize Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Coordsen, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR COORSEN: Yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yesterday I distributed on the floor some numbers done by the Department of Revenue based on a series of assumptions they made of amount of taxable property on the various segments of our economy based on...depended upon what different bill we had approached. With your amendment, do you have any idea of what it would do dollarwise to the base of taxable personal property in the state?

SENATOR COORSEN: No, and neither does the Department of Revenue (interruption).

SENATOR WITHEM: That's fine. I guess that is enough for me at this point to indicate that I am not supportive of the amendment. I will be totally honest with everybody that this is a segment of the bill that I am not the expert on, but what it appears to do is by changing one word on page 73 of this bill provide for a decrease in the taxable base of our state, and we don't have any idea of what that base...what that decrease will be. No criticism of taking advantage of the rule that allows senators to offer amendments at any time, but I would point out