

back on. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I've never, ever found a taxpayer to be too uninformed. Most of them are way ahead of the Legislature. And I would suggest that by the time we get to voting for a constitutional amendment, if that happens, that the taxpayers of the urban areas will take a look and say, why should we exempt inventories from taxation. We gave them the 775 exemptions, we gave the 773 exemptions to the executives, we gave the 772 exemptions to the corporate sector, maybe it's about time for old iron sides to get his dipper in the bucket a little bit and take home a little bit of a tax relief program for himself or herself. And maybe I'll just let the car dealer and the hardware store person and the rest of them pay a little tax for a change. And when that happens, they may very well vote against the constitutional amendment. Those of us in the rural areas who have been singled out for the discriminatory treatment can go back and do a little calculating, recognizing that if you are in a rural area and we are going to find that the tax is going to be reimposed, it may well be a wash, it may well be a wash just to let it all go back on, and hope for a minor reduction in the real estate taxes. Ladies and gentlemen, nothing is ever final in legislation, as we all well know. And the cruelest hoax of all will be when my good friends, who are in the cattle feeding business, say, well we escaped the axe, the common man is caught, the breeding man is caught, the farmer is caught, but we escaped. And all of a sudden someone challenges, under the equal protection clause, the exemptions for fat cattle, for cattle on feed. Bear in mind I do not want them taxed, I do not want them taxed. But the chances of that tax being reimposed are better, I believe, than 50-50. And when that happens who will be able to stand on the floor and say, wait a minute, it's not fair to tax cattle on feed.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Not going to be very many people around. There won't be enough votes then, ladies and gentlemen. The only way we got the tax off in the first place was by the unholy coalition. As Mr. Herb Schimek said, Loran, you stole that money fair and square; I don't blame you for not wanting to let it go again. I didn't think it was stolen. You know, Herb, you really stole that line from Davey Newell. But the facts are that that is what this process is, it's give and take. We won back in '77, we won in '71, we lost again, today we'll lose again. But eventually those who think they are winners today will be losers, and they will not have anyone to defend