

anybody's truthfulness, nor their integrity, that's up to the individual. The purpose of this amendment is to provide the county assessor with the tools to do some checking at a much better process than having to subpoena the state for those same records. But truthfulness, we cannot mandate nor legislate anyone to be truthful.

SENATOR BOHLKE: So, this is merely a tool for the county assessors, and otherwise for them to get that information.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Otherwise, they could get it from the state?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Through the subpoena process, yes.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Hefner, you're next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to, I believe, oppose this amendment. I believe it would cause a tremendous hardship to our assessors. I know it's going to be up to them to enforce it. But to allow them to have the worksheets of the depreciated property, I believe would be very cumbersome. But maybe I don't understand the amendment. But anyway, I think this tells us what's wrong with LB 1063, putting personal property back on the tax rolls, putting farm machinery, breeding livestock and business equipment back on the tax rolls on a depreciated schedule. I realize that we need to do something, too. But, like I said the other day, why don't we just keep it simple and increase the sales and income tax a little more. I think most of us agree that we are too reliant on property taxes, especially for the support of local government. And why don't we use a little more sales and income tax where we have the collection procedure in place and go ahead with that? I guess, at this time, I'd like to ask Senator Conway a question, if I could. And while you're going to your microphone, Senator Conway, the other day when we had my breeding livestock amendment before us, and I believe you were opposing it, and you said that by adopting this amendment we would put a...we would create a hole that a train could ride in, because it would cause it to be unconstitutional, or something like that. Well, my question to you is, how come we can exempt