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company, and that we do not allow them to offset it with the taxes paid on premiums. I'm sure that if it's unworkable, Senator Lynch, we will be informed of that very readily by some people whom you and I both know and others whom we do not know. But I think it's worth giving it a try. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Wanted to get up and visit just a little bit about some things that were said this morning about LB 1063, and to point out that this is a very regressive type of a bill, and it is also very anti-economic development. During some of the debate this morning Senator Hall, or excuse me, Senator Horgan mentioned that there were too few people paying taxes. Would Senator Horgan yield to a question?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes, I will.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Horgan, does LB 1063 tax any more people than is being currently taxed?

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, it creates additional tax on people. I don't think it probably doesn't tax any new people who aren't already paying some taxes.

SENATOR ELMER: Which people does it create the additional tax for, Senator Horgan?

SENATOR HORGAN: It creates a tax...I think this morning it's about a \$30 million for business taxes, probably in the urban areas, and additional taxes on agriculture.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Horgan, that's exactly true. LB 1063 does not bring into the tax fold any new tax base. It doesn't add any new taxpayers to the tax rolls. All it does is attempt, through various types of maneuverings, to tax people in a different way. And the way that they're trying to do it just makes it very anti new business coming into the state, very anti new business, because every new business is going to have a higher tax bill for the same equipment than an older business that's been established in this state. It's a bad piece of legislation, no matter how we amend it, unless we exempt personal property from taxation. Thank you, Madam President.