

Morrissey, which has already been offered. Rather than to reimpose all the taxes on personal property, if the CA fails, that we go the other direction and that is an option. It's an option that has never been discussed and I will tell you why. The most serious problem that can develop is when we allow the people who spend the money to tell us how to draft the rules to raise the money. Now I don't mind them trying. That's their responsibility. And I will say this, they are good at it. If those of us in agriculture were to hire those individuals who represent cities, counties and schools, we would be making out like bandits because they know how to lobby, they know how to do the job right, and they're not apprehensive. They're never defensive. I have never once heard them apologize. They come right at you head on and they come and come and come and come, and that's what they're paid for. And I think most of them have the same convictions. I think Mr. Jack Mills, a former member of this body, probably has some mixed emotions about this issue because he supported the removal of the personal property tax as a member of this body. But he's...he rides for the brand, so to speak. He works the county officials and he does a good job and he rides well. But it bothers me that the people who lobby for agriculture would sell out, sell out early, sell out cheap, and sell out without qualifications, and that's what bothers me. They call themselves lobbyists, I don't think they are. A former Governor of ours is a good friend of mine, still is, Norbert Tiemann, left the office of governor because he took the responsibility for the enactment of the sales and income tax and all of you who are old enough to remember when you went through the cash register whether it was at the restaurant or the grocery store or the hardware store, they said, and two pennies for Governor Tiemann. Probably took him out of office, but he changed the policy of the State of Nebraska relative to taxes that stood for twenty some years and he took his lumps and he never looked back. He left a greater mark upon Nebraska than those of us who vacillate, equivocate, waiver and refuse to take a position. And you're going to go back home and say Schmit was wrong, Schmit was gambling and it would cost you \$13 million more if you had gone Schmit's way. I say, nuts! I say, nuts! First of all, you can't prove it. Second, the numbers mean nothing as of tomorrow or a year from now. But, most of all, you have scrapped the proposal put in place by the '67 Legislature and Governor Tiemann and you're reversing course. When you reverse course you ought to have a good reason for it. We don't have a good reason.