

Department of Revenue by contract exempts personal property from taxation, why don't you put us in the same boat. Then we won't have to worry about those really bad urban legislators getting it in for us farmers and putting the tax back on. If you don't learn from experience, you repeat it. We ought to learn. It is just like the quotation on the numbers, it took 70 million bucks to send the money back in '77. Today we are not talking about that kind of money. I would predict that when we get through this escapade, in a year or two, we will be talking about a lot more money. I know that there are people who say, well, after all, there are not that many laying hens in the state. Ladies and gentlemen, in Butler County, Colfax, Polk, and many other counties up in Senator Conway's district, there are a lot of laying hens, a lot of broilers, and there are going to be more, we hope, and it is a very, very fine market for the grain that is produced there.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You can't do much with corn except feed it to livestock or to poultry, and that is what we are doing with it. That contributes to this economy. We don't give them any tax breaks, no, we tax them. They can't get any exemptions because agriculture is specifically excluded from participating in the benefits of 775. I ask you why? Well, Senator Vard Johnson never gave me a good answer for that. It just wasn't going to be done, that's all. You could build a feedlot or the poultry business, spend millions of dollars, and you couldn't qualify for the benefits of 775. In addition to that, we now are about to place that poultry on the tax rolls. It ought not to be done. It isn't right. It isn't fair. It isn't equitable. It is not good business. It is not good for the state. Eventually, it will...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...counteract and be a negative factor for the state. I ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall, you are next.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Senator Warner, if you would respond to a question.