

property, including all nonprofit, not-for-profit, charitable institutions with the exception of churches themselves to the tax rolls. I don't want to even tell you the kind of reaction that I received on that. It was loud and long and some of those individuals still do not speak to me, which is no great problem. But the facts are that we can always zero in on who Senator Moore calls Joe Sixpack. Well, it's about time we zeroed in on Mr. Chivas Regal and give him a piece of the action like we give Joe Sixpack. And I think that we have a tendency in this body to stand back and concentrate on the Joe Sixpacks and let the Mr. Chivas Regals and Mr. Johnny Walkers take a walk. I think it's time we owned up to the fact that we haven't got the intestinal fortitude, ladies and gentlemen, to enact an equitable tax program because of the ones who have always avoided the taxes are going to hire the lobbyists and get it done again, and again and again. We're not going to have any sheep producers out here asking that they be exempted from personal taxes. They don't even know what we're going to them. As I said yesterday, we had 30 or 40 farmers in here, today they're not here. There ought to be 30,000 farmers in here. If there were 30,000 farmers in here, there wouldn't be a personal property tax enacted this session, I can guarantee it, because no one, no one will stand up to that kind of pressure. If this bill, this personal property tax bill affected state employees, that rotunda would be filled and justifiably so if they have an interest to protect. I think it's time, ladies and gentlemen, that we take a look at these amendments and not just shrug them off. It's easy for someone to say, Schmit's on a tirade. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I have not spoken that much this session. I think it deserves some conversation on a bill which has a major impact, most of it adverse, upon the State of Nebraska. I challenge the members of this body who put their name on that bill to tell me why one small sector of the economy, one small sector of our population should bear this burden. You can't do it. You stood here and defended the bill. You have not yet defended or explained why one small portion of our constituency should carry the load. It won't be done during the next three weeks. Thank you very much. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Do you wish to speak again, Senator Schmit? Your light was on.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will, Madam Chairman. I will speak because of the fact that this body is not capable of facing the truth. We like to hide, hide behind the pillars. We're not on