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SENATOR HABERMAN: ...the State of Nebraska don't want their property tax to go up. They do not want an increase of any taxes. So this great compromise, I would like to call attention of those who signed it, watch yourself when you go home because they aren't going to like to have their taxes raised, and they will be raised once you give a county board...I don't blame the county boards. You give them the authority to raise the taxes, as you do on page 234, line 19, and they are going to do it. I don't blame 'em. Then they can say, hey, the those folks down there in Lincoln, we lost this state aid, we have got to keep these programs. We have got to keep the ambulances going. We have got to keep this going, we have got to keep that going. We had to raise the taxes to replace the money that we lost.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would like to have you take a second look. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Seeing no further lights on, Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker and members, I was not going to close but I believe I will. I think it is important that this body understands, as you've never understood before, that it is time that we get serious about this tax proposal. Now there are those who are going to say, well, Schmit, where have you been all this time? I tell you what, ladies and gentlemen. When I need help or need advice, I do not wait for people to come to me. The people that I...whose names I have mentioned, the people who I respect in this business, the people who have some experience and some background, and some success, I might add, whether they be Republican or Democrat, whether they be rural or urban, I go to them and ask their advice. And, you know, I have saved myself a considerable embarrassment by doing that. I have tried from time to time to convince members of this body that it is not a bad policy to work with people who know what they are doing. Maybe that comes from, in part, from being a kind of a semiretired spray pilot. You know, if you are flying a