

Nebraska. Now, as I recall, the Governor had gone on record as saying no tax increases. I want to avoid increasing the taxes. The information that I have that the taxes are going to be increased are on page 229 of the bill, which gives the county board the authority to increase the property taxes. Now some of you say, I've heard this before. Well, that's fine. If you've heard it before, you're going to hear it again. I can't support a bill that gives the county boards throughout the State of Nebraska the right to increase taxes, and this bill does that. That's right, Senator Warner. Look on page 229. Now let's see what counties are going to introduce to increase their taxes. Boone County, they lose \$60,000. Cherry County loses \$75,000. Dodge loses 51,000; Hooker loses four or five thousand; Keya Paha, 16,000; Logan, 12,000; McPherson, 10,000; Rock, 20,000. They're going to increase their taxes to pick up that loss. Dodge, 51,000; Holt County loses \$91,000; Knox, 60,000; Adams, 50,000; Phelps, 58,000. Phelps County loses \$58,000. Polk, 42,000; Stanton, 38,000. Now this is a direct loss, so the powers to be said, well, we've got to fix it so they can make up this loss so we'll just give them authority to increase their property taxes to take care of this. That's wrong, folks. That's exac...that's wrong. We've already increased the taxes on the farmers on the fertilizer. We've got the retailers' money. Schools are going to lose money and now we're saying, county boards, you don't have to lose any money, just raise the taxes. Some people will say, well, the valuation increase will take care of this. That's not true. That's not true. No one can say that that's the truth. You have heard that we have to pass it, we have no alternative. I say we can pass another 829. We have the time yet this year. We don't have to come back. We could just pass another 829 that exempts personal property from the tax rolls. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate and I will recognize the