

was at least six phone calls for me to return, most of them from CEO's of rather large companies. First of all, I don't appreciate being lobbied at noon. We voted once, let's let it stand. But most important, why didn't these particular people come in and try to sit down with us when this problem all started, when we were talking about a little sales tax, a little income tax, a little sales tax on services. Now they're thinking, oh my, I have a huge inventory and I'm really going to get taken. But they didn't show up six weeks ago. So, basically I...I don't think I'm going to call any of them back. I might call one of them back just to see what the reaction was. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...Senator Rogers. The point I want to make is this, I do not fault any member of this body for voting their convictions, I credit them for it and I commend them for it. I even do not fault them for voting expediently, if they want to do that. We all have had to do that from time to time, and we understand that. My concern is for those who do not vote their convictions. Yesterday we had 30 votes to advance 219, this morning we had 37, all of a sudden we're at 40. My good friend, Senator Baack, took issue with my statement this morning. Let me say this, one senator on here has told me his bill, his most important bill is dead. Another two senators told me their committee chairmanships are on the line. I have been told also that, only time will tell, if the Education Committee will extend, for two years, the hold harmless clause on state aid. Time will tell that. Time will also tell who loses chairmanships a year from now. I know what it is to have been threatened with the loss of chairmanship, loss of financial security, family troubles and even worse. It happened to me, I lost a chairmanship. There's life after a chairmanship, if you've got any backbone you don't need it. If you don't have any backbone, the chairmanship will not put any starch in your backbone. If you lose everything you've got in this world, except your self-respect, you haven't...you're not in too bad a shape. But if you lose your self-respect, you've lost it all. I feel this way about the bill, for 25 years we tried to get some kind of equity in personal property taxation, we got it. My friend, Mike Harper, was able to come in here and control the Legislature to the point that he got some very good legislation for ConAgra, I commend him for it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.