

of the State of Nebraska. If they can take the money somewhere and not raise tax, that's fine, but I am opposed to raising taxes and I ask everyone to oppose the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was trying to make...find some logic in Senator Schrock's amendment because usually he makes sense. This makes no sense whatsoever unless you break down the word itself. We're talking about taxes on cars going into the Highway Trust Fund. Well the first part of the word is car, carbonated drinks. There's the connection. By tax carbonated drinks you're still in a sense taxing cars and it all ties into the Highway Trust Fund and so forth, but that makes even less sense, doesn't it? No sense whatsoever. I would rather see Senator Schrock call his amendment a tax on pop and then it would have suggested an idea to me, why don't we put a one cent tax on every bushel of popcorn? People eat popcorn. One cent a bushel on popcorn would be even less than two cents per can to each consumer. So why don't we just stop this nonsense of carbonated drinks and put a tax on popcorn? I'd like to ask Senator Schrock a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schrock, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, how many consumers would you say would probably make a purchase from what is produced by one bushel of popcorn? How many consumers do you think might make a purchase?

SENATOR SCHROCK: First of all, Senator Chambers, I need to know, are you taxing the raw product or are you taxing the finished product?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not taxing anything right now, I'm trying to get some information so I'll know what it is we're going to be talking about. From the bushel of popcorn which would be the raw product, from which the product that is purchased by the consumer will derive, how many consumers would be served by that bushel of the raw product do you think?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Depends on how many people it would take to eat 44 bushel of popped popcorn. I don't know how many that