

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I mean right now. Currently you're paying a...

SENATOR MOORE: Right now?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: You're paying a sales tax on all pop that is sold in all vending machines in Nebraska at the current time.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, you pay sales tax on pop purchased in vending machines.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, maybe that's where we should be moving to instead of trying to tax the pop when it's from the distributor. We should be putting a sales tax on all pop. It seems like if you're going to put a tax on all pop that is sold in the vending machines, you go to some vending machines, it costs 50 cents, some of it costs 60 cents, some of it costs 75 cents, 70 cents, why not put a tax on all pop whether it's sold in grocery stores or vending machines because you're currently paying a tax on just pop sold in vending machines. I don't have any idea how much money that would actually raise, but that might be a way that we could raise the money needed for our teachers. I don't see any problem raising that type of tax. If you're going to raise the sales tax or income tax as Senator Hefner has said for our teachers, it makes a lot more sense to raise it for a pop tax to put that onto our tax rolls. But I'm very opposed to the Lamb amendment because I think that is a very unfair industry that we're trying to get at and it has nothing to do whatsoever with our teaching, our teachers. So with that I oppose the Lamb amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you're next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, just a couple of comments again to try to bring it back to perspective on what we're talking about on the bill and the amendments itself. I personally am not going to get involved on the Lamb amendment to the amendment and I'm not sure in my mind what I want to do on Senator Schrock's amendment at this point, but I am finding it interesting that when you look at the lobby, when you have 25 or 29 votes to take money from one group, watching the carnivores out there devour each other up and the key is, well, if we can't avoid a hit, can we pass it off to someone else and then of course that lobby group gets all