

provides us with a means of maintaining deductibility of that particular tax for our federal tax purposes, makes a few other technical amendments, and attach that to the committee amendments, we will then all have the same instrument in front of us to be able to debate the issue of the system. So I strongly support both this amendment and Senator Hall's committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: I have a number of lights on. I will check to see if you want to speak to this amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Chambers, did you wish to speak to this amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, since the committee amendment and this amendment to the committee amendment will constitute...will put the bill in the shape that the oppressors want it in, my comments will be appropriate, even though they are being addressed to these amendments. This is a bill which I can see that new car sellers would want because it makes it easy for the people who purchase the new cars and have large amounts of money to obtain them without paying their share of the tax. These taxes on automobiles are not imposed because of the amount of damage they purportedly cost to the highway because a person, who may drive his or her car two times a year, one time a year, or only keep it in the garage, will pay as much as somebody who drives it on the highway every single day loaded to its capacity. It is a tax on an automobile or another vehicle because it is personal property, and the way the present system is set up, there is not an inordinate amount placed on those people who don't have a lot of money and cannot purchase large fancy cars and who must keep them a longer time than will be the case under this nefarious bill. The World-Herald, for once, did a service for the people when, on March 29th of this year, they published an article by Henry J. Cordes, which gave fee schedules and comparisons under this bill so you can see exactly what is being done. I can see where new car dealers, as I said, would like this because it would be an encouragement for people to buy the luxury cars, and those who can afford to buy the luxury cars are not going to pay their share of the tax. Those who buy the moderately-priced cars and have to keep them are going to pay a much higher rate overall on that vehicle for the life of it than they pay under the current system. I am wondering why during this session, when the Governor is talking about shifting the tax burden to those better able to pay, we would have a bill like this which