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SENATOR CONWAY: I don't have 1437 in front of me, but I have the schedule that we have, and a 1987 would be in its seventh year by the time this bill would be implemented and, therefore, it would be 100 dollar fee, flat fee.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But, if this car would...it is a 17...it was about a 19,000 dollar car, when it was new.

SENATOR CONWAY: Then it would be \$150.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Because you...but if it would have been two years ago, well, I guess the way I am looking at it here, that it would be by the time it is implemented, you are probably right. Now my 1984 pickup that I drive, I paid \$54.10 last year, and so that is eight years old. So under this, it would be \$80 because it was under 17. It looks to me, this amendment, in fact the whole bill is designed to sell new cars, and I think that is what it will do. In fact, it is probably designed to sell the higher-priced cars that you can sell. But anybody that is in the lower income or drives older cars, as most people do in rural Nebraska, I think it is a very unfair bill. When your taxes are going to double on your car in one year just because of this amen...or because of this bill, and you would like to drive a new car. I would like to drive a new car, also, but I can't find anybody that wants to make the payments for me. But it's really...seems like we are getting to the point where we don't care about the individual out there that has to barely get by, and barely pay...get by with a small salary, very little income. We have just raised the taxes under the 3-R plan for rural Nebraska, and now we are going to come back here and we are going to raise it on their vehicles that they drive also. I think we need to stop and take a look at where we are headed with this bill. I think the idea might be okay, but I think we have the figures totally wrong when you have this exclusive high-priced automobile paying probably half of what they normally would, although they are going to be paying more sales tax, but this tax year after year is going to be an awfully lot less than what they would be paying that...or they are paying an awfully lot less right now than what they would under this amendment. So I am very opposed to the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Chambers, you are next.