

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, and to for this particular occasion, esteemed World-Herald reporter, Mr. Henry J. Cordes. I read from his article of March 29th, 1992. "Under the new fee schedule in LB 1135, local registration taxes would be lower on new cars and luxury cars and higher on most cars between 3 and 10 years of age. That's the way it should be, say officials with the Nebraska New Car and Truck Dealers Association, which backs the bill. Loy Todd, the association's lobbyist, says the state's system of taxing cars, which is based on their book value, tends to make new cars carry a disproportionate tax burden even though they don't put more wear on the roads than older vehicles." Members of the Legislature, as Senator Schellpeper said, and I am glad to be on the same side of an issue with him after what we went through the other day, this is a new car dealers bill and there is no question about it. That is the only reason for this bill being before us, in my opinion. This bill, if you look at the comparisons based on a new car, so you don't have to look at percentages and the things Senator Hall talked about, if a person purchased a Mercedes-Benz, and, by the way, Mercedes-Benz but never breaks, in Douglas County the tax the first year would be \$1,165. Under the new fee system statewide, it would be \$285. The average statewide would be 999. So if you take the lower state average for that first year for the Mercedes-Benz, it would be \$999. Under this bill, it would be \$285. Now you tell me that is not a break for the luxury car owner, and you are telling me that this is not a new car dealers bill. I am pleased that there are others who are upset about this bill, and I hope it will not take too much of our time before we bury it. This is one of those bills which, in the most blatant manner, tells you by its terms, and, at least, it is honest in that regard, that we are going to soak the poor and help the rich. Every house that is built in Douglas County, or any place else in this state, has a certain amount of weight. Now those houses are not taxed on the amount of weight in those houses, but the value, and the value is not based on weight. Loy Todd, Senator Conway, and Senator Hall has to know that we are not pricing these cars so much per pound. We are not taxing them based on their weight. So that is the nonsense that a lobbyist talks. This is a rich person's bill. Now I don't expect Senator Hall to be that surprised Democrat candidate for the presidency that is going to have to be dredged up from somewhere, but he'd be as good as anybody else, and with a bill like this to his credit, he could, as I say, make George Bush and Ronald Reagan look like wild-eyed liberals, as far left as you can go, and from the