

like this. I was waiting out on the street for Senator Hefner to pick me up the other day and I saw this, it looked like this dark car was slowing down. I said that can't be Elroy because he drives this new fancy white car and it can't be. But this dark car pulled up and it was. It was Elroy and I was surprised because I knew he had this fancy new white car, but there he was. He had a brand new bigger and fancier black car because the other one I guess the ashtrays were full and it had 30 or 40,000 miles on it. So what I was thinking is that if a tight-fisted guy like Elroy buys these new cars and is willing to pay that extra tax, then maybe we should let them, maybe we should let them. It seemed to me, I'm not sure that that tax really stops anybody from buying a new car. If they're going to buy a new car, they're going to buy a new car whether that tax is there or not. I'm not sure it's a big thing that stops them, and we have another bill that is coming up soon which has to do with income tax. We're going to tax higher income people which I have some reservations about that because you know there is no choice there. The only choice is they maybe move out of the state or something like that, but here with this high tax on newer cars there is choice there. You don't have to pay it, you don't have to pay it. It seems to me it's more logical to let some of the people that maybe have higher incomes pay this additional tax on new cars than it is to have a higher income tax and tax them out of the state, but those are just some observations that really don't pertain to the amendment that Senator Byars has, but do pertain to the bill as a whole.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. This amendment that Senator Byars brought to us, I think it's something that we may have to look at some time. I would, was always kind of hopeful that the phone companies and everyone else would just say, well you don't owe us that money. The Stanton Telephone Company did that for Stanton County. They just said, well, we have already collected it and we've already have it in our bills, so we just won't pay you, or just don't pay us back and I think there is a telephone company, in fact, I know there is in Blair that did the same thing. So rather than do that, rather than put a tax on automobiles as this bill would do, I think I would just as soon let it where it's at and if there is an increase let the property owners stand it rather than put it where...onto their old cars where they're driving that old car because they can't afford anything else. I wonder