

least we could then make a statement to the people in the State of Nebraska that we like the system we have or at least we think it's the fairest system that we can dream up and make that statement and probably save the anguish of a senator like myself prioritizing such a bill in the future if, in fact, we are so sold on the system we have. But I'd much rather see it, and I wasn't going to talk much more and I think we could have brought it to a vote very shortly, short of the bracket motion. Now we're going to spend time discussing the bracket instead of just voting the bill up or down, so I'd much rather see the bracket motion fail and I'll do everything in my power to expedite getting to a regular vote and I'll take my lumps from there.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Conway. Do you wish your own time. You're next. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I, too, was...my mind was not made up. In fact, it still isn't. It's difficult to support anything that as we say we go home and tax the old clunker and we don't tax someone's Park Avenue, maybe more, but on the other hand how unfair the system is and Senator Schellpeper asked if any senator had posed this question to the district. I did last fall when I took a major survey and it was almost 50 percent which rather surprised me and as you know I represent an urban district so it probably wouldn't be the same, but let's take, and I'm not picking on Senator Bohlke over there, but let's take the Lockland Country Club district and I happen to know a couple of years ago the tax rate was 62 cents. I think they only had 11 students and there are a number of homes there over the six figure. And so let's take that \$20,000 Park Avenue and what are they paying, \$124 tax. Then let's take the farmer over towards Hansen, Nebraska or let's go three more miles south up between Hastings, he drives that old '79 pickup and probably paying almost the same amount of tax as that Park Avenue. Or let's take that farmer again three miles down the road that is driving, maybe, a Park Avenue and he is paying \$450. Is that fair? Both use the same roads and so we're back again to how many students you have in your school, so that's how unfair it is. And I know that if an alternator goes out I have to go down to the auto store and buy an alternator and put on. If the alternator is \$39 or whether it's \$47 or whether it has been worked over, we just pay it. So I know that whenever it comes to taxes a couple dollars makes a tremendous difference but when we leave that interstate and go five miles, again, it's two or three dollars difference to fill that gas tank because it's