

you're doing here is you're accepting, you're accepting the premise of an unfair tax and you're saying, well, we don't have time. Senator Warner's got time to throw this thing at you and buy it lock, stock, barrel and belly because they know they've got a mess of trash. They've got a mess of trash and they're trying to get themselves out of a jam. And...but Senator Cudaback, he's been here how long? I've got more time standing in the chow line than Senator Cudaback's got on this floor and he suggests that we can't do it right now. Well, I don't mean to be disrespectful, ladies and gentlemen, but once you establish a precedent on this floor it becomes established, it becomes established. And Senator Schrock, my good friend, will not be here next year. I probably won't be either, and do you think anybody's going to bring it up then? I suggest not. I suggest not, not by a darn sight. The time to correct it is what Senator Warner is trying to do with 719A. That's what he's trying to do. He knows that it's a problem so he's trying to correct the problem before it gets in the mill. Senator Withem knows it needs to be corrected so they're doing it, but you people, who are representing agricultural people, say, well, there will be a revenue shortfall. If I were the one who proposed the tax I'd done what Senator Cudaback did. I'd raised the rate to 6...to 6 dollars a ton. I did not propose the tax. I did not support the tax. I do not condone the tax. Very frankly, Senator Withem, I preferred the other system. I preferred the other system where we paid the taxes on the sales tax on farm machinery and we did not pay the personal tax. We will one day return to the system where no personal property is taxed because all of the efforts we have made here today are an exercise in futility, and the railroads will teach us. They'll lead us by the nose. The pipelines will do it. The power lines will do it. Telecommunications will do it and we're going to get whip-sawed back and forth and back and forth. It's kind of interesting, you got a bill which is liked by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, by Governor Nelson and the 3-R Committee, and it's disliked by 51 percent of the people, notwithstanding the massive barrage of propoganda for the bill. It's a 51 to 38 I think, or 36, poll. After all that hoopla, now maybe they can put together enough money to force-feed that and to scare the people, but I went to Ernie Kucera's 50th anniversary of his band yesterday at Starlight and there were five or six hundred people there. They were 90 percent Democrats, probably. They were the salt of the earth, the best people there. I didn't have a single person come up to me and say, Loran, we disagree with what you are doing. I didn't ask the Governor what kind of