

that. The sales tax system, there is lots of money out there that we do not collect, for instance, on catalog sales and so on. So when Senator Hall talks about looking at the tax code, I think we need to. We need to look at everything. I am still going to support this amendment and I want to point out two more quick things. Historically, and if you look at the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, under Article VIII, Section 1(a), in 1954, we adopted the amendment prohibiting the state from levying a property tax for state purposes. I say that because there are a lot of people who watch ETV in Lincoln and Omaha and where it is available, and see us, and I want them to remember the state does not levy a property tax on your home. The subdivisions are the ones that levy. Everything we do, of course, filters down to those subdivisions. Also, in 1966, when the income and sales tax was coming down the line, we added Section 1(b). When income tax is adopted by the Legislature, then you can base it on the laws of the United States tax system, but also we said income-sales tax, fine, the state can't levy a property tax. I am going to support this amendment from this point of view. Small businesses hire people. Everyone in those small businesses, most of them, own a home. They are struggling to keep those payments up. If they lose their jobs, they aren't going to be able to, but the other thing, the other homeowners that I think of so much, are those retired people or older people who live on fixed incomes and who cannot absorb a \$10 raise every year on those taxes. So, some way or another, we are going to have to figure out this whole tax system to help the homeowners. I will go to bat for the homeowners. As someone said a little while ago, everyone in this room probably owns a home, or at least you own it with the bank. So we have to keep all that in mind as we go, and later on in the discussions today, I am going to ask Senator Lindsay, I won't do it at this time, to go back to the lawsuit, but we will do that a little later. I think maybe right now is not a good time. I will give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, could you tell me how much time there is left?

SPEAKER BAACK: One and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I think I will pass, then, and wait for my light to come up, but I would like to thank Senator Crosby for