

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Speaker and members, I'd like to make a deal with Senator Hall that I would vote for LB 6 if 25 members on the floor can even tell me how many pages there are in the bill, or in his amendment. For those of you who weren't listening, there were 77 pages in the amendment. Secondly,...I thought you would catch that. Secondly, as I watched and listened to Senator Hall explain the amendment I glanced around and there were 13 people, at one time, on the floor, 5 of whom appeared to be listening, at least they did not appear to be bored to death, Senator Hall, and gave you some attention. I think it is incredible that we would attempt to do today, by this amendment, the sort of thing we are doing. We are undoing 25 years of work. I would agree with Senator Chambers, if we want to reinstate all personal taxes, fine with me. Top to bottom, front to rear, if you want to put the tax back on household goods, fine. If you want to put the tax plus over into intangibles, put the tax on intangibles, fine. But what we are doing, Senator Chambers, as you know better than most because you've listened, is that we are setting the scenario here today for, again, a really serious abomination, in my opinion. As was pointed out this morning on this floor, eventually the business inventories will be exempted from tax. Eventually, and I will support it, the livestock feeders will be supported...will be exempted. But the people who will pay the tax, and Senator Lynch has talked long and loud about the small homeowner, the average person, and he has a right to do so, but the people who are going to pay the personal property tax from this day forward are going to be Mr. Average Nebraska Farmer and maybe small businessmen, but mostly Mr. Nebraska Farmer. And you know what you're going to do? We're all going to go back home, and we're going to say, well, we stuck it to the railroads. That's the way we had to do it. Yeah, Schmit, we had to put the tax back on your old tractor, but we stuck it to the railroads. But the household goods, the million dollar painting, the \$3 million sculpture, or the \$300,000 sculpture, or the \$3,000 one, household goods untaxed, if that is representation, ladies and gentlemen, then I quit. That's as bad as you can get. There is no excuse, absolutely no excuse to be so selective. From time to time in this Legislature and on this floor we seek out a minority which cannot fight back, which cannot protect themselves and we burden them. We do it in many ways. But what you are doing here today is that you are setting