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the amendments. They do clarify to a great extent the original LB 6 by incorporating provisions of the Governor's version, the amendments that he offered or his staff offered to the Revenue Committee at the hearing.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Kristensen. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A question of Senator Hall if he would answer, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hall, do you have any idea how many personal property taxpayers there are in the State of Nebraska? Is there any...are there any statistics on that?

SENATOR HALL: No, Senator Schmit, and that's one of the things I would not have any idea and that was one of the problems that we...that I talked about early in, I think, the opening with regard to notification, that notification of those property taxpayers...and the next amendment deals with the penalty provision for not meeting the requirements, all that discussion took place in committee. So it is a very difficult thing to determine how we're going to notify those people that their taxes are due and owed if they shouldn't have happened to turn on the radio at the right time or just use the paper for stuffing if they subscribed to it at all.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, it might be that if you made this...if you made the penalty from this thing a felony, it would probably be more encouraging to folks to gather around and try to pay their taxes.

SENATOR HALL: I hate to say this, Senator Schmit, but I...I, after a long, heated discussion, I mentioned that in committee and...

SENATOR SCHMIT: (Laughter.) Well, I just want to make a couple of comments. First of all, Senator Wehrbein made some comments that intrigued me relative to the need, Senator Will mentioned the need, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you this. If I shall be sentenced to be hanged, you're going to have to drag me up the 13 steps to the gallows. I'm not going to dog trot up there, stick my neck in the noose and jump off into space. And