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SENATOR HALL: Maybe in that case they will mail them the form. (Laughter.) Ask him to self-assess it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That would be the prudent thing to do. Just...I'm not...I hope I'm not being taken lightly, ladies and gentlemen. I just want to point out some of the problems we're facing. Mr. Bongers has a very fine museum. There are a multitude of such enterprises throughout the State of Nebraska. As I travel around, I see them all the time. Once again, are we going to penalize that kind of individual under this section of the statute? I think we are. I do not think that is what we want to do, but I just wanted to call your attention to that and I think that most of all we...

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...should not expect the taxpayer to voluntarily find out whether or not they have property that is subject to the personal tax. I think it's wrong.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Lynch. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, I just want to clarify one thing when Senator Nelson talked about the young couples. That's what I was talking about this morning, are the working people. And I include them in all my concerns because they're working for the businesses who pay taxes on inventories and so on and if the small businesses don't keep going, because of extra taxes which do certainly kill a lot of businesses when they start paying all the occupation taxes that subdivisions levy and so on, it gets very difficult, becomes very difficult to stay in business. And so the people who are working for them lose their jobs, can't make their house payment, lose their house; can't pay their taxes on their car license, maybe have to get a cheaper car or something. And in Nebraska cars are so...they are expensive everywhere but in Nebraska you almost can't get there from here except in a car. We have no public transportation to speak of except in Lincoln and Omaha and even there you have to really plan your life well if you're going to rely on the bus. You have to decide when you're going to go and when you're going to get home and so on. So I do think, on LB 6, and as I understand it, Senator Schmit, may I ask a quick question. Are you thinking of amending LB 5