

amount is occurring maybe something very important will emerge. Thus far the most important thing and valuable thing to emerge this afternoon, Senator Schmit, are the comments I'm making right now because I haven't spoken so I kind of break the monotony, Senator Tim Hall. But on this type of amendment what it does do is give the opportunity to see the types of things that can come before us for the purpose of either taxing or being exempted. The thing to do at this point, I feel, is nothing other than to advance LB 6 and restore those items that had been exempted to the tax rolls. I don't believe there is a tax lawyer for a large corporation anywhere in the world who, after an important tax decision, such as the one handed by the Nebraska Supreme Court recently would, after such a few days, advise his or her client to make a significant shift in policy based on that opinion having had such a small amount of time to evaluate the opinion itself and then to make a determination of how it impacts on whatever decision would be made. So if I'm correct and if tax lawyers who are presumed to be experts in the field would not advise a corporation to change a policy which could be changed again the following day, I think it is not prudent for us to change the law significantly and certainly not to attempt to change the Constitution based on that opinion. I know that there are special interest groups hovering about the Legislature in the same way that buzzards hover around a carcass. And in this sense, collectively, we're such a small carcass in proportion to the number of buzzards that are swoop swirling that there is not enough of us to go around but they all want to pick their little bit and hope by doing so to protect and retain for themselves privilege or benefits which, when they receive theirs, will shift a burden to somebody else. We know that however we decide to tax, somebody is going to get a benefit and somebody else is not because we are par excellence a political body. We are not a judicial body. We are not a debating society although we debate issues. We are a body of persons sensitive to political wins and the powerful. So it just becomes a matter of which powerful interest groups ultimately will take something from the dish to benefit themselves and leave emptiness for the others, and by others I mean ordinary people, to replenish from their thin pockets. Senator Schmit, I don't know what the definition of art would be unless you took something like Aristotle where anything contrived by a...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.