

define on this floor that works of art, which I think we all generally recognize, three dimension, paintings, maybe that junk that we used to call scrap iron that's on the Governor's lawn, are all works of art, but the facts are these. On this floor thousands of times in 23 years I have heard the phrase, the four words, it was never intended. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to wait for the day when I hear myself and my colleagues tell my constituents and the people of the State of Nebraska it was never intended that this Legislature would prevail upon the individual taxpayer to pay tax on the...on Senator Lynch's plumbing tools, Senator Coordsen's walking plow, and Senator Warner's breeding animals, but to exempt a multimillion dollar painting that might reside in Schmit's home or in Senator Crosby's home. It was never intended. It was, obvious, the one represents wealth and the other represents a necessary tool of production. But, ladies and gentlemen, we have embarked upon a course of action that is going to allow for the imposition of taxes upon those who can't fight back and to allow those who know the rules, that know the methods, to escape taxation upon actual valuable property. We're going to increase the differentiation between those who have and those who have not. I made that speech on the floor many times. But, ladies and gentlemen, I think that the point has been made and, therefore, I still think I'm going to ask for a vote, Madam President, because I'd just like to see how many people will even have the courage to vote yes or no on this proposed amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Seeing no one else wishing to speak on the issue, do you have further closing, Senator Schmit? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the Schmit amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 116-17 of the Legislative Journal.) 3 ayes, 9 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is not adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schmit would move to amend.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.