

And I've got my light on to address this as well.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Well, Senator Hall gave a fairly good explanation of this but I just felt that we picked on the smaller corporations more than we did on the larger ones and I would have liked to have seen some adjustment to that. So, therefore, I'm going to oppose LB 1 because of the corporate fee tax schedule and for some other reasons too because I also feel that the 2 percent surcharge on depreciation is excessive and detrimental to a lot of people in the State of Nebraska, especially small farmers and small business men. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President, and members, this is going to continue this discussion about breeding livestock and the unfairness of the way that tax is levied. Many, many farmers, of course, raise their own breeding livestock and furnish their own cows and bulls for their herds. If this is the case, as you remember, then they are not taxed or on the tax rolls. But if a farmer wants to improve his blood lines and goes buys another bull or some cows of a different blood line to prevent inbreeding, then he has to put those cattle on a depreciation schedule and pay personal property tax on their undepreciated value. So some livestock raisers are being taxed on some of their cattle, some on all their cattle and some on none. It's not fair. If we would exempt this breeding livestock from the taxation, it's a very small part of the total tax bases in the country and would have a very minimal impact on LB 1 since it's purely local tax base. And I realize that in certain areas that tax burden would shift to property more or less agricultural, depending on the demographics of that county. But I would say to you who are supporting LB 1 that some of us, if we can reach a compromise on some of these burdensome, unfair taxes that are currently being levied, we might be able to support LB 1. And this is the least disruptive change that we could make. Senator Hall, would you at all be interested in sitting down before Select File and see if we could work something out like that, so we could have at least a spirit of compromise that was carried forth in actuality?

SENATOR HALL: Well, Madam President, and members, Senator Elmer, I'm always willing to, you know, facilitate cooperation. I know I have a reputation as being one of the most cooperative members in the body. (Laughter.) But the question is probably