

But I think there's a few things that need to be squared around here and one of them is, where was the original change? The original change, if you look in your bill books, is in the statement of intent. It clearly indicates what the change was and why they did it. That's what you had the public hearing on. Senators Hall...Senator Hall's amendment did not have that hearing, there was not that change. And as far as the big companies, who this really comes after are the big retailers who do sales only in the State of Nebraska. Who are those? They are ones that don't have a lot of capital investment. They don't have buildings and people and jobs and all those things. They're like the Sears who come in and does a volume of their sales in the State of Nebraska and has very little other property here. Those are the people that make the difference. It makes a lot of sense to do this based on sales because that's how they keep their records. And why is that important? It's because that's how you allocate their tax, based on their sales, and they keep those figures. And so Senator Hefner is correct when he talks about keeping it the way it was. What he's talking about is keeping it the way it was in the bill as it was introduced. And so this only goes to multistate corporations. This doesn't go to every corporation in the State of Nebraska, it only goes to those corporations that do sales outside of the State of Nebraska. I thank Senator Hall. I think that he's in a tough spot and I appreciate...he probably had the same expressions we had when he saw it in committee. With that, I would give my time back to Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I, too, want to thank Senator Hall and I think he's done a good job of explaining the fact that there is no, number one, there is no fiscal impact as far as the bill goes, that there will be some shift and that probably nobody knows just for sure what that will be. In closing, I guess I would just like to make a few remarks on some of the statements that have been made concerning this bill about rural versus urban, small people versus big people, and I always find myself in a difficult position, being from Scotts Bluff County, trying to determine if I'm small or big, although looking at me, probably big is what I come out with there. But the other thing is looking at rural or urban and Great Western Sugar, and it's one of the things we talked about, to give an explanation, is a food processing factory of an agricultural product that is one of our largest employers. An awful lot of "little people" are employed, about 350, the year around. They did do a major expansion which assured that that company could stay in the area