

when this bill passes and think that's no problem, we'll solve that when we get there because this is the only way you'll solve it is through dollars, period. Dollars. Now if you don't believe in the community college system, you're on the right track because they will be gone. If you believe in the community college system and we're going to be asking them to do more for what they do in the regions, you have to deep down begin thinking now what you are going to be willing or not willing to do. And if there are people out there such as, well, I won't mention names, but people have already said things like on the floor, if you listen carefully to what they say, I thought this was a reduction in spending bill, I didn't think this was a tax increase bill for more spending. Listen to the whispers of the Plains. People are looking at this as their taxes are going to lower.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Hillman's time is up, but your light is next. You may continue.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Thank you. They are looking at this as their taxes will lower. They are not necessarily sending the same message that they want the taxes to shift. They are not saying that. Go to your people, if you have, and ask them, are you...if we do the property taxes, are you willing to have other taxes, sales and income, shift? And your answers are absolutely mixed. There is no consensus. Some people will say, yeah, I'd be willing to do that. If his income is up, the only way fair to do it, if you make the money, you pay. And, of course, those that have the incomes, and when you are trying to attract businesses, what you have, say, no, that's not the best way to do economic development, and we've got to get that in the state of Nebraska. So then you ask them, well, what about sales tax? And the elderly then say, ooh, not sales tax. I'd rather you do the income tax because I don't have as much income anymore, lets don't do sales tax. (A), a group is going to say it's regressive, and, (B), they are going to say if you can afford to buy it, you can afford to pay it, and those that are doing more buying because they are not having the income anymore because they are retired are going to say, no, don't do sales tax. We know we are not going to do tax on intangibles. The food tax we could go to. That's great. This is the tax that the people repealed. That's the one the people said we don't want to do. We are going to probably say, because we don't think you meant it this time, this time we think you'll