

of questions, Senator Schrock, and I don't mean to pick on you, but...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...it is a question that I have. Senator Schrock, do you support a sales tax on food?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I do.

SENATOR HILLMAN: And do you think that along the borders of Wyoming, Kansas, Iowa, that anybody's going to buy their food in Nebraska if they can go across the line if there's a sales tax on it and you can get it any cheaper?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Most of our neighbors tax food, Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Not my neighbors, they don't (laughs), in Wyoming.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The ones closer to our population centers do.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. And I guess my point is is one of the things I hear a lot in my area is, put a sales tax on food. And I will guarantee you in western Nebraska any time they can go over to Wyoming where there is no sales tax they go. And I find it difficult to support an exemption when on one hand I hear, put out a sales tax or broaden the sales tax or put a sales tax on food, and the minute we put a sales tax on anything they go to another state. And I think probably you can follow that philosophy of mine, but that is one of the reasons why I'll oppose 106 and looking at any kind of broadening of the sales taxes, that I think they just leave the state.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't have much to say except that I don't think this is just a rural issue, I think if you look at Pfizer Chemical in Lincoln, I don't know, someone said there might be over 600 people employed there, manufacturing animal vaccines, I think Schering Chemical in, in...or whatever the last name is, chemical company in Omaha, if they're over 300. Those are pretty good paying jobs and those