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Nebraska by a number of millions of dollars. And I think Senator Bromm brought up a good point, we need to know what that is before we make this decision. And I think Senator Hartnett is on the right course in saying we make that study and hold this bill over until next year.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, thank you, Senator Matzke. And I think that's important that we do understand that there are some things that are not completely clear as far as how this...how this...unless you're a tax person who...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...understands the tax law, many times people don't understand exactly how our taxes are collected and how they're distributed. And I think we have to understand that before we can have a clear picture of exactly what would happen if we pass this bill. And I appreciate the fact that I guess my first preference would be to kill the bill, but since he's willing to hold it over, maybe we can kill it next year. With that, thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Further discussion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, song...I see why people write songs now, because they deal with so many subjects. Senator Vrtiska in his exchange with Senator Matzke, reminded me of words from a song by Harry Belafonte. Some of the song said it was clear as mud, but it covered the ground, and the confusion make me brain go around; so I went to visit a good friend of mine known to the world as Albert Einstein. Then after he talked to Albert Einstein it became even more cloudy and confused. What Senator Vrtiska did bear out was what I suggested earlier. They want to kill the bill and do nothing. Why in the world adopt an amendment that says the bill would not take effect until the year 2001, and then say you're not even going to pass the bill? A bill that I should have done all I could to kill was that young farmer bill, so called. And there are people against this bill who wanted that one, and that bill was not going to help a young farmer any kind of way. That young farmer wouldn't even be guaranteed \$900