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save them a great deal of taxes, which is why, in fact, the effective tax rate in the state of Nebraska is not the highest for our highest income bracket. We have a bubble effect in our progressive rates. However, for those whose income is limited and they have to maintain maximum liquidity so that they can pay their bills, there are no vehicles for them to hide their dollars in to save the taxes. They will pay. When you look at the list that we have in this document, the Nebraska Statistics of Income, the latest one shows you the figures for 2000, you will see, in fact, that in the state of Nebraska we give a great deal of deductions, credits, and if you're lucky, you can save some income tax dollars. If you want to borrow on your home and use the equity to do whatever you'd like, you may be able to deduct that interest. But if you pay off your home so that you can enter into your retirement without that debt hanging over your head, you will, in fact, see no relief on your income taxes. Same income; different tax burdens. Now you tell me if that's fair. I don't think it is. Tell me if it's fair, a couple that lives together pays one tax rate on two singles, but they marry and they pay a penalty. Sharing the same living expenses, sharing the same income, but a different tax rate. You tell me if that's fair. It is not maximum flexibility for most people in Nebraska because, in fact, after the fixed bills are paid, the income taxes are deducted and the Social Security, and all of the other things that come out of your payroll, after those are paid, and after the house payment is paid, and the property taxes are paid, and the insurance bills are paid, and maybe a car payment is paid, I'll tell you who gets what's left. The women and the children, and there isn't much left. And that's what's flexible, that's what disposable, and that's all they get, usually, to spend. So how do they solve it? Well, the women leave their children in the hands of some capable care, and they go out to work and they are penalized because there is a second income in the home. Now you tell me if that's fair? Why am I not going to support this? Because this isn't good for women, this isn't good for children, this isn't fair, and this isn't flexible. Sales tax, yes, I can determine how much I buy when...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.