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if a business purchases a depreciable asset, then a certain percentage of that purchase price, or cash outlay, or however they calculate, a certain percentage can be expensed in the current year, rather than depreciated. So in effect, you allow that more of the expense...more deduction could be taken up front. Less is spread over time. Am I correct so far?

SENATOR LANDIS: So far so good. What the feds are doing is they're speeding up the depreciation process, and they're accelerating it. And there's the bonus depreciation. So your description is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So I want to tell you about a problem raised with me with I think an accountant person who may...lives here in Lincoln, I think. That, suppose you have a three-year asset. And I think there are such things, like maybe computers, that if you buy a computer, that it's a depreciable asset. So instead of expensing it, you're, by federal rules, required to depreciate over three years. Does that sound reasonable?

SENATOR LANDIS: The existence of a three-year...?

SENATOR RAIKES: Right.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right. I'll go with that.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So the problem was this. You take a three-year asset, like a computer. The feds allow 30 percent up front, or whatever it is. We're, in effect, as far as the state return, saying, no, we're going...for purposes of the state return, you have to add that money back. And then you can spread it over a five-year horizon. So the complaint I got was that I'm having to keep track of a three-year-old...or, a three-year computer, a three-year asset, maybe for a couple of years after the thing has been replaced. I'm not making myself clear, I'm sure. But his complaint was, it adds to the burden of keeping track of assets, the five-year part of it, that you're required in an accounting framework to keep track of that stuff, just so you can get the additional expensing or depreciation on the state return, when you no longer have any need to keep track of it as far as your federal tax return