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property values. I want to point that out because we have nonresident Nebraskans paying the property tax that aren't affected by our high vehicle registration rates, sales tax on vehicles as well, or the state income tax. Ted Turner comes to Nebraska, buys up a bunch of land, but doesn't pay our state income tax. Now we need to be careful and not bite the hand that feeds us. It's the rich people who fund our government, plainly said. And it's fashionable to tax rich people more. We're hearing that rhetoric ramp up in the federal elections taking place now, federal campaigns to, you know, not give tax breaks to the wealthy. That's not what this is about. We want to encourage people of wealth to come to Nebraska so that they can help support our system. And when they come to Nebraska only to buy property, they're not...they're affecting the property taxes of those neighbors, but certainly those neighbors are also facing the high vehicle auto registration rates and other high taxes in Nebraska. So we cannot afford to chase those people out of Nebraska. We adopted the policy that the higher cigarettes cost the less consumption there is. Well, there is a cause and effect of raising taxes on high wage earners because we're going to have less of it. They're going to move out of state. And the wealthier someone is, the more sophisticated they are and mobile to leave the state. We need to be sensitive to that. I know it's fashionable and it's easy to say that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...let's soak the rich people, but let's be... (microphone malfunction).

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith and Senator Redfield. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to endeavor to conclude my thoughts. It happens to correspond with what will be our probable recess, and I want to assure you that I will be presenting in amendment form at the appropriate time on the appropriate budget bill on Select File the ideas which I'm developing with and for you, I hope, in opposition to the existing situation because I'm trying to keep