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Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. I did not support Senator Beutler's amendment, not because I didn't believe that the people he wanted to put on the commission had worthwhile viewpoints, but in fact, I think we're confusing whether we're talking about taxes or spending. The people that he wanted to add and the people that Senator Jensen wants to add to this commission are people who spend the dollars, or certainly have the dollars spent for. And so if we're looking at the tax structure, we should be looking at those who have the burden of collecting the taxes, the ease and the cost of collecting those taxes, and perhaps we should be looking long term, overall, for the input from an economist, who might tell us what, in fact, the maximum and minimum levies of the GDP of the state of Nebraska we can tax without ruining our economy. I think that's the key issue here. And once you determine what the dollar that you can maximize from the economy without destroying it, then you've got an upper limit, and you know that you have to maintain your taxation below that limit. Then you can start constructing a structure below that. I have on my bookshelf downstairs in the office all kinds of reports. We can tell you exactly which counties pay the most income taxes, which counties pay the most property taxes. We can tell you where the sales taxes are generated. We know, in fact, who's paying the taxes. We know where the burdens are. I don't think that's the question. The question is how we can make it fairer and more simple to administer, because of the cost of the administration and also the cost to the economy, and the people who make up our economy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I have a question for Senator Jensen regarding his amendment, if he's available.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.