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understand why he is doing it, not only because it is his bill but he is very concerned about the people that live in Bellevue that work in Omaha that use our streets to get to and from work, that then use our Civic Auditorium for entertainment. If they become ill our rescue squad at no charge takes them to a hospital and then after they get their paychecks in Omaha they drive back to Bellevue and they go to the commissary and buy all their groceries tax free. They go to the PX and they buy everything they can there from washing machines to cameras, tax free, and if anybody says Marge Higgins is against the service man, I would remind you my husband spent four years with the Army Rangers, four years at Strategic Air Command. I, at one time, was an air force wife. Believe me it was pretty good to be able to work in Omaha and buy everything tax free at the commissary and the PX. So I don't blame Senator Fenger for wanting to let his people come to Omaha and rape the jobs there and then go back and spend their money in Bellevue in Sarpy County or right there on the base and I don't begrudge the servicemen in all these tax free things. But I think if they are going to work in Omaha and take the money out of Omaha they at least ought not be leeches. They ought to be willing to pay and I don't think a \$2.00 tax, if Omaha does it, do you realize you are talking about a dollar a paycheck because most people get paid twice a month. Senator Fenger handed out some letters from businesses. I think you have all seen this one from HDR, Henningson, Durham and Richardson. Senators, Henningson, Durham and Richardson has been owned by a French company since last summer. That is not an American owned company anymore. The French own HDR. I would be delighted to see them put a little money in the pockets of the State of Nebraska. Fireman's Fund, I worked for Fireman's Fund when I was young and foolish. I was an underwriter. They paid me \$150 a month less than they paid the man whom I replaced. He had a secretary and he had a part-time assistant. I got a part-time assistant and \$150 a month less than the man I replaced and they would not give me the title of underwriter and they made no bones about it, "You are a woman. Women don't get titles in this business." I could care less if Fireman's Fund ever came into Omaha again. And for your information they had a large office in Omaha and they moved

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