

SENATOR BURBACH: Well since there is no fiscal impact I suppose that the reason there is no fiscal impact and yet we have fifty-five hundred thousand dollars but on the bill itself the imprint is there, the stamp is there no fiscal impact. Why do we have the discrepancy and would the introducer tell us this, then I have something to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hasebroock, do you care to respond.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, Senator Burbach, I think that it was probably on there before they had a chance to ask for a fiscal impact. I don't think that was the intention. The fiscal impact came from the fiscal office or from the revenue office and you have rightfully read there is five-hundred thousand dollars. It could be what it might cost because these people would be exempt.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the legislature I think that we have got to recognize now as we have been the revenue committee has been attempting to hold the line on the exemption that from our original sales and income tax bill...was necessarily the holy and sacret document. As we move along we a...a...requests are made annually, since we are in annual session that we have exemptions. This is just another area of exemption that the revenue committee has been attempting to hold the line. We have many bills before us this year, for the same purpose of certain exemptions of this or this. This is another one of those bills which is asking for that exemption. I would oppose the passage of this bill on those grounds. I know that things come up later by the federal government such as in missions control and so forth and there were not on the horizon in 1967 but somewheres this body must recognize that we keep as many items as we originally had on the sales and income tax statute if we continuously erode the sales and income tax in this instance we will be in a position where we were on the first of the tax operation of state government on our personal and real property. Exemptions all over the place. So I think that we must take a strong look at this type of legislation or we will be eroding away on our present status of the sales and the income tax.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the legislature, the bill that was heard before the committee on agriculture and environment which we are discussing now and the amendments that have been adopted preclude that which Senator Keyes said would happen. We specifically excluded from the exemptions those items of personal comfort such as air conditioners and as Senator Keyes pointed out the filter on a cigarette, which is going quite a ways I think. Now in answer to Senator Burbach's argument and I support his concern about the principle of the erosion of the tax data that we had just as well put this thing in proper perspective. We are asking people to install air pollution abatement equipment to the extent of the excess of one-hundred million dollars in the state of Nebraska. We are asking that the rate payers to invest in the interest of the utilities an additional 2½ million dollars in this equipment for the purpose of paying tax on that equipment which we have forced them to install. Now the question that I wanted to ask this body, is this. How many of you would like to have one hundred