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fool the people. Why can't you fool the people? Because the people know that this Legislature in the past every year or two has taken and exempted the food tax in the amount that they pay. So what the proponents here are trying to do is fool the people and you can't do it. The people of the State of Nebraska are brilliant, they're smart, they know when we're trying to do something here that's crooked. And I feel that the proponents who are attempting to do this are going to be hurt as a result as an attempt to camouflage this bill.

PRESIDENT: All right, next to speak is Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: No response.

PRESIDENT: Passing for the moment. Senator Stull, then Senator Nore. Senator Marvel, we'll come back to you in just a minute. Senator Stull has the floor now.

SENATOR STULL: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. First of all, this money is paid into the General Fund and that's where we're paying our tax on.... tax credit on food now. And now we're going to change and instead of having one operation, we're going to increase it by two, section 3 of LB772 set up the school, public school support trust fund and we're going to take this money out of the General Fund and put it over there and then take part of the food tax credit out of there. I think it'll be much simpler to take it all out of General Fund and if necessary, say we're going to withhold so much of the money that goes over to the public school support trust fund, and save one operation in setting up this tax. I think we're really making a real complicated procedure here for them to follow. That's my objection to it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Stull. Senator Marvel, we really are discussing the Burbach amendment to your amendment to LB632 on Select File.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm a little amazed at some of the criticism of this bill by some who opposed state aid to education. On the one hand because as I understand their arguments, the impact was too great on the middle and lower income groups. Now they're saying in effect they're opposed to this because it's some kind of a game that's being played and part of the approach, well the approach to state education as far as I'm personally concerned, is to provide money for educational needs at the same time it's a shift in the load, in the tax load. Those who have, like Senator Cavanaugh, voted against state aid and then are screaming because when we try in this amendment to come up with a fair equalization formula, he's saying now we're going to pile more on the property tax. Exactly what does he think he's doing by proposing this whole ....by opposing this whole proposition. So when he says that we're trying to play both sides, I'd say to him he can't have his cake and eat it too and that's what he's trying to do. Now what this is doing, as I see it, is still allowing a substantial increase in state support at the same time recognizing some of the problems that middle and lower income groups have. And our tax system which was set up originally to provide this food tax credit was to provide it as I understand it out of the income tax in effect to relieve the impact of increased sales tax. So I fail to understand the objection by some of those who are on the one hand opposed to any increase in state aid and then on the other hand saying