

help us make a decision based on wisdom and on knowledge, rather than merely speculation, is beneficial. I support LB 17, and I think that if you look at the far-reaching impacts it will allow us to do a better job by having more information.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Duis and then Senator Warner.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Wesely and Senator Simon. You know I really applaud the fact of what we want to do here, and I sincerely hope, and I think I'm going to vote for this. But let me explain something to you if I might. These exemptions were asked for. There was even a constitutional amendment passed so that we could make a particular type of exemption on personal property. That constitutional amendment was put in there so we could class different classes of property...whereas, before we couldn't. This was voted on by the people of the State of Nebraska. Now, I would like to ask one of two of you the question. In 1980 how are they going to tell how much the personal property amounted to when they didn't assess it? Now which one of you want to answer me?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, did you get his question? Do you want to repeat your question, Senator Duis?

SENATOR DUIS: Well, I could ask it of Senator Simon as he heard the question. Oh, he missed part of it. What I want to know is and I really want to help. In 1980 how are they going to tell how much personal property tax would be taxable as to valuation of 1980 when they haven't taken an assessed valuation from the people?

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Duis, the only way they can do that kind of report, and you know, there isn't the information and you're absolutely correct, the only way they can provide any information on that is...is to make some estimates.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you very much, that's all I want to hear is that estimate. Now, let me tell you what happened. Many years ago we eliminated the household goods and personal property tax that everybody paid that had a household. We set the value of that at twelve million six hundred thousand dollars. We have done this every year. No one said anything in that length of time. Now, I want you to fully understand and I'm up here because I want everybody to understand, I want to help them. I'd like to see them get the proper amount of refund, but we have to start from some place. When we pass a bill in 1977 we have to use a '76 figure to determine how much should be returned. Now, I'm up here and I want to help