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this state will no longer have to pay a tax on his automobile, his mobile home or his camper, to me carries it quite far and I am curious as to what the fiscal impact of that amendment really is. I really don't believe that we want to do this. I think we should confine it to the veterans status. Mr. Speaker, in lieu of any discussion, I will offer an amendment to strike "person" and reinsert "veteran" and deliver it to the Clerk immediately.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have the amendment prepared, Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: She is awfully good help but she is slow. Like I said, you've got to remember. I am eligible.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will read the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Murphy moves to amend: To change the words "person" back to the word "veteran" in the entire committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to speak to the amendment, Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: Simply to move its adoption, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to speak to the Murphy amendment? Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the Murphy amendment?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I am pretty confident that if Senator Murphy had been in our office and for the hearing also and had seen the man roll himself in in the wheelchair, when he found out that the bill wasn't going to do anything for him because he was not a veteran, he was confined to the wheelchair for the rest of his life. Now Senator Keyes is a conservative. I am going to go against spending money on the floor of this Legislature in every opportunity that I think is justified but when a man has lost the use of two extremities whether it is his arm and leg or whether it is both arms or both legs, I really am not concerned whether he is a veteran or whether he is just a citizen of Nebraska. I think that we, as human beings, owe to the people of this state who are confined to a wheelchair, who cannot see, who have lost one arm and one leg or both arms or both legs, I think that we have an obligation to these people whether they are veterans or not. You are setting in a wheelchair and unable to walk, whether you served your