

of the tax now. I would hope that no one thinks you're going to screw the railroads out of more money. I just think that's almost impossible to believe that people are thinking that. You're not going to get the railroads for anything. You're going to get the poor little taxpayer that has to pay it in the first place. Railroads don't pay the taxes. The only one that pays the taxes are going to be the consumers. The shippers are going to have to pay for it. It goes right down to the consumer whatever it is. I would certainly support this amendment and I can't vote for the bill at all without it, because I am not going to try to lose eighteen thousand dollars for my district. When someone told me this morning that wasn't much money, I wanted him to explain it to my boards out there that that wasn't much money, but he didn't want to do that. I'm not going to vote to reduce any taxes that I have out there...any income that I have, and certainly if there's going to be an additional amount of money taken out of the consumer and put someplace else, you can have any additional money, but don't take the money away from me. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I've never known Senator Clark in the past to deliver someone else's speech for him, but if Phil Kenny didn't write that speech for him, he might just as well. I think we'd all like to pay our taxes indirectly, and sure as the dickens like to have them...I would like very much to just walk into the Courthouse and tell them I think my farm is worth about three hundred bucks an acre and you take my word for it, and that's exactly what the railroads do. On top of that, I think it's kind of interesting. I've got some figures here, and Mr. President, would you rap for order, please? Mr. President...even the President isn't paying any attention to me. Mr. Speaker, I have just a few little figures here I'd like to read and I'd like to have everyone understand, especially Senator Clark. The assessed valuation of the Burlington track in Butler County in 1971 was \$7946.00...27.13 miles of track. In Dodge County the assessed valuation for 26 miles of track was \$8400.00 in 1971. Now we've had some inflation in the last few years, haven't we. Well isn't it interesting that the assessed valuation of the track in Butler County seven years later is \$8900.00? My goodness, it went up a thousand dollars. The assessed valuation of the track in Saunders County, \$9800.00, that went up fourteen hundred. Tremendous increase, isn't it?