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SPEAKER MARVEL: You have two minutes, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: How many?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Two.

SENATOR KEYES: Who speaks next on it?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Did you say who is speaking next?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Dworak. Well, I will take two minutes then. First of all, I want you people on the floor of the Legislature and you people that are leaving to know that in the State of Nebraska unless we can treat all people equal we should treat no one with special privileges. In 1967 when the sales tax was implemented the Havelock Shop says we will move out of the state if you put the sales tax on our property. So we took it off of them, and when we took it off of the Havelock Shop we took it off all railroads. We took it off all common and contract carriers including, the big trucks that you see down the road, and what has happened? We have left the sales tax on the food, the very food, the very thing that the people consume. I want you to know that I am going to support taking the sales tax off of those boxcars that are bought by the co-ops because it is not fair that they should pay a sales tax and the railroads that are hauling coal, the railroads that are hauling meat and everything else and the trucks, should not pay a sales tax. So, my friends, all I tell you is that to support this amendment that Newell and I have put on, take the sales tax off of food, treat everybody alike. What we really should do and if this amendment fails the next time this bill comes up I will offer an amendment to the bill that will strike the sales tax on everything. If we are going to leave big business...have the sales tax off of them, if we are going to leave the railroads and the trucks and the rest of the industry off and just tax those people who buy clothes and so forth, the people that buy automobiles, but never tax those big corporations that buy them, fine. I ask you to support this, support Senator Schmit's bill, and let's get this thing across and do something for the people that should have been done years ago. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak to the...