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SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I think Senator Newell brings up an interesting amendment, and I think it clearly indicates the direction Senator Schmit's amendment is taking us. We all...nobody wants to pay taxes, and we all have special interest areas that we represent and try to protect, and I think Senator Newell's amendment certainly has merit, and I think it is something that needs to be discussed in light of the concept Senator Schmit is trying to put on this bill. I think that we have to stop exempting, exempting, exempting for narrow special interest groups. Now, I would concede that Senator Newell's bill and Senator Keyes' amendment is broad in scope and affects everybody across the state on the same basis. That is certainly more acceptable than just peeling out one special interest group. Now, everybody is real quick to say that Senator Schmit's amendment does not lose any revenue to the state because we are not collecting it now. Well, maybe we are trying to replace the revenue we lost when we exempted co-ops from income tax two years ago. Maybe this would be an opportunity to replace some of the money exempted on cattle, on farm machinery, on business inventory. It seems like we have got enough money to recoup where we don't have to worry or pay too much attention to the argument that this is a revenue that we have never had. I am going to support Senator Newell's amendment. I think it is probably a little bit out of place but I think the concept is the same as the one purported by Senator Schmit, and I think that now is the time since we are in the exempting mood to put it where it best can be put and probably one of the most regressive taxes we have in this state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett, do you want to speak to the....okay. Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle, do you want to speak to the Newell amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, we are worried about the food tax, what you are going to save on food tax, or spend on food tax, could easily be lost in the increased cost of food. I am almost to the point where I think we ought to pass a bill to exempt food, period, just not raise any. I think that is a good idea. But the reason that I am supporting Senator Schmit in this issue is serious. I have had I don't know how many of my compatriots or members of co-ops or members of elevator associations that are trying to figure out right now whether to invest, borrow money let's say at 16...18 percent interest to buy additional grain cars or to lease additional grain cars. They are making those decisions right now, and I think in a matter of