

it. This will not create parity. This will be the first crack in the exemption of the premium taxes. It won't be the first crack. We've already did the first crack. This is the second crack and then there will be the third and the fourth and the fifth crack. You know this body has to determine whether or not it wants to raise taxes at all, whether it wants to expend monies at all. If you do not allow the normal committee process to try to make some philosophical determinations, at least draw some lines, you're going to find every year someone comes in and says, look, this is inequitable with this and therefore we have to be exempted. Have you ever seen anyone ever come before this body and say, look, there is basic inequality here and what we need to do is to tax the other guy? Who has ever heard that? Is there anybody ever heard that? Is there anybody ever heard that? Senator Clark, have you ever heard that where somebody comes before the body and says there is basic tax inequality here and we need to put the taxes on somebody else? How about you, Senator Kelly? Have you ever heard that? I'd like to hear it again. Can you...would you like to get the mike and explain when?

PRESIDENT: Is that a question you were asking Senator Kelly?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, will you respond?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, indeed, Mr. Speaker, I will respond and I have heard that and it was in Clancy's Bar at 8:30 on March 17 and the bartender said he wanted to have the drinking age raised and he wanted the tax on alcohol doubled.

SENATOR NEWELL: A well taken point, Senator Kelly. That is the only place you ever hear such a proposal is at Kelly's Bar or Murphy's Bar or O'Shanahan's Bar or whatever it is but that is the only place you ever hear such a terribly crazy idea, preposterous, outrageous idea of putting a tax on somebody else to make it equitable. Everybody knows the only way to get tax equality is to be exempted. That is the only way you get fairness, be exempted. Somebody else is exempted, you should be exempted and asides from that it is so much harder...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator, one minute.

SENATOR NEWELL: ...and asides from that it is so much harder to get a new tax bill passed, you know to put taxes on someone as Senator Lewis has proposed. Let's clean up all these exemptions. If we've got one exemption we have to