

to tell you that there is going to be more support for property tax relief than there is presently, because the people that got exempted, they don't care about property tax, they are. . . .

SENATOR CLARK: You have got one minute left.

SENATOR NEWELL: . . . exempted. They are exempted. They are free and clear, what do they care about property tax relief. But by putting them back on the tax rolls we now have additional people who will be supportive of property tax relief. They will be supportive of property tax relief because they are paying taxes again. Wouldn't that be unique? I think that this is an excellent proposal. I think that it is a proposal that its time has come and I would like to urge this body to do the responsible thing and to tell those people in the lobby and those people that made the phone calls that they ought to be tax payers too. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up. Thank you. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would have to oppose the Newell amendment. I believe that the issue which he has raised here have been discussed many, many times. I think that even those of us who might have serious disagreement about the manner of distribution of the personal property tax fund to the subdivisions have generally conceded that the tax on personal property and business inventories was an unfair tax and that the reinstatement of that tax has generally not been held to be an issue. I know there are individuals who would like to reinstate it here and there but it is not generally accepted as being an equitable tax. I know that Senator Newell feels deeply about the issue and I guess that is his prerogative to continue to talk about it. But I would hope that when you look at the agenda and you recognize on that agenda this afternoon are taxes relative to homestead exemption which also do not generally benefit the rural dweller as much as they do the urban dweller. We could belabor that issue long and loud and with some eloquence, but there are questions of equity. I certainly am not an expert on taxes as is Senator Newell, except from the standpoint of payment of them. I think in that category I exceed his experience to some small degree. But I would hope that we would not adopt the Newell amendment. I would hope that if there are serious amendments to the bill we will proceed. I would suggest once more for those who wish to delay the passage of this bill, that I am really not going to bleed very deeply if no bill passes. Now if it should happen to be the wisdom of the court to hold up the distribution of those