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SENATOR SCHMIT: You know you talk about holding onto the tiger, during the course of the conversation here Senator Warner asked me, did you ever throw a rope on a five hundred pound steer sometime and wished you hadn't caught him?

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, you are closing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I am. I think I have a little bit of opportunity to address some of the issues that were raised here today. I certainly have and sometimes you get scratched and bruised a little bit but I want to say this that I take all the admonishment that has been offered in the spirit in which it was offered. It is not the first time that there have been disagreements on this floor over this kind of an issue. I know that Senator Koch has some deep concerns and I share those concerns. We have gone over that road many times. The ability, not even Solomon could send back to the various subdivisions all of the funds in the same ratio from which they are withdrawn. No one will ever satisfy that issue to the satisfaction of all of us. There is a deep division as to the equity of the personal property tax collection and the tax on business inventory and I share with Senator Keyes his concern about the tax on the tools of production. We all know that. I want to say this, that I have tried to maintain a certain degree of fairness in my debate of the bill and both this time and in previous years I think I have done that. I did not vote to shut off Senator Newell. I do not say that his amendments were all frivolous or that any of them were frivolous. I have visited with Senator Newell many times about this. I want to repeat once again that I offered a bill which I felt was a good bill, which I felt addressed the overall issue and some of the rest of you have some of the same concerns that I have about the principle of collection of taxes and the reimbursement to the various subdivisions. Those issues are going to have to be addressed at some future date. This is not the final chapter. It is not going to be. I'm not going to be standing here and telling you that it is but it is one more step. Today we may have the votes to move it. As Senator Chambers said maybe Monday we do not have those votes. That is the luck of the game and I accept it, I hope with good grace. It will not be the first time that I have lost if I lose on Monday or if I lose on the Final Reading but I hope that I do not ever challenge the integrity of those individuals who challenge me on a bill or who it might, in fact, even challenge my integrity. Mr. President, again, I move the bill be advanced to E & R engrossing.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the