

ask to have the farm equipment taken off the rolls. He didn't have the piggies asked to be taken off the roll but I can understand that. He doesn't own any piggies. He wouldn't know what to do with a combine if he had one nor would I know what to do with some of those things that Senator Newell works with. We go back a long time on this kind of an issue and we have never said that we would not pay taxes upon those items of personal property which were exempted. What we did say was that we would tax them differently and the bill which I proposed to you voluntarily increases the amount of sales tax that a farmer or a businessman would pay because we know that we have no longer the responsibility of paying that inventory tax or that personal property tax but by so doing, we would hope that there would be some consideration for those areas which have traditionally been the repository of those personal property taxes and which have received some remuneration from the state funds. I'd suggest that when the time of accountability comes that it will be a little difficult for some of us to explain and I'm not going to read those names off on this floor because I can tell you very frankly, and I want to go back to the taxes we relieved on the railroads. I was one of those with Senator DeCamp who vigorously opposed that change in the formula which benefitted a very few areas at the expense of many and we lost. And then later on fifteen people rushed over to sign Senator DeCamp's bill to make some kind, some partial correction and that wasn't so bad but then last year one of the elected people in my district, speaking at a local service club, made the point and did it honestly, he made an error honestly, but he said he'd asked me to help him correct that problem and I had refused. The record is clear, the documentation is there, the transcript is clear where I stood on that issue but still 30,000 people in my district think that maybe I didn't know...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...what I was doing on the railroad taxation issue. The record is clear here, ladies and gentlemen, and when the people in your district ask you the question you must fall back upon the record and when you do that and the record indicates that you did not vote as your district perhaps, as your district humanity would vote from the standpoint of equity, then the explanation and the burden of it will be upon you. I would ask you not to advance LB 816. It is not an equitable bill. There are better solutions and they are certainly available to this body. I do not believe that this body will once again, drive itself off the cliff in this kind of an action. I'd ask you not to support the bill.