

message across, this is not manna from heaven. This is a tax. It is a tax. It says so in the statute. And I can get as carried away as the next person. I am not going to, but I want you to understand it is about as voluntary as my real estate tax, the school tax, my tax on licenses, the tax on my tobacco I smoke, the liquor I drink, every other single tax. There is no voluntary tax. And as I have said, we have been trying to figure out how to save a few million bucks in the budget process. Well, if you really want to save a hundred million, don't let any tax supported lobbyist appear before the Appropriations Committee and have so damn much money left over we can strike some taxes and I know what the hell I am talking about. I have been in there. They line up ten abreast and forty deep and they are there day after day after day. And it is no accident that the damned Appropriation Committee, pardon my French, meets in a little cubbyhole that you can't get the citizens into. It ought to meet in this Chamber. It ought to meet where you can get 500 people in to testify on a bill and you would know what was going on. But the only people you will get in there are the proponents for the legislation that takes the tax out of the pockets of the people, and I know what I am talking about and I admire someone who knows how to do it well. And I respect them. But I don't want you to think I don't know any better or that I don't know what is going on and so I am fighting back. Now the Revenue Committee always met in a huge room, Senator Carsten, so everybody who was getting taxed could get in there and they came in in droves. But when you isolate a small segment of the tax, they say, oh no, oh no, we are going to use this for trips, we are going to use this for promotion, we are going to buy a few ads, and so forth, but we are not going to be allowed when a President of the United States can by one action role back the price of beef cattle \$30 a hundred and a man can't walk in and say, Mr. President, you are wrong when you can stop the sale of billions of bushels of grain and someone who gets hired by the Nebraska Corn Board...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the Nebraska Wheat Board, can't walk in and say, Mr. President, you are wrong. You know who I think is wrong? I think we are wrong. Give them some flexibility. You have taken it...you took it away once from the Wheat Board. If they abuse it, you can take it away again. But I don't think they have abused it and I think we