

money when they are unemployed. We said Lincoln needs a Lincoln sales tax because they are going to lose federal funds, therefore, they should have their sales tax raised to come in and help pick up the difference in their federal funds. We have a homestead exemption bill that is going to give everybody \$75. It is going to cost \$18 million. We are saying we are going to give them property tax relief. So what are we doing. In essence we are turning right around and making hypocrites out of ourselves and we are going to raise the gas tax one cent. The Appropriations Committee is raising the gas tax one cent. Now everybody that we are raising additional funds for, ADC, unemployment, they are going to have to pay more taxes because they need their automobiles. So it just doesn't make sense where on the one hand we are saying they need more money to survive, on the other hand we are raising the taxes of the things they absolutely need and that is gasoline for their automobile. It just doesn't make sense how you can do both because this is a tax increase. Not only is the Appropriations Committee raising the sales tax on gas one cent, we have the variable gas tax little maneuver that is going to come in and it can raise the sales tax on gas without us having anything to say about it. So really if we are going to be fair about this whole issue, we would put the cities and the counties underneath the variable gas tax bill and let it go that way instead of having a separate tax. Now Senator Hartnett talks about the number of trucks and the automobiles that don't pay taxes but they use city and county roads. All right, now who is paying for those county roads? I pay for them in my county although I live in the city. Who pays for those city roads? I pay for the city roads because I live in the city. And the farmer has to have the gas and he is going broke but we are going to raise his taxes. On one hand we are saying we have got to go to Washington and do something. We have got to lower interest rates. We have got to help the farmer out but here we stand on this legislative floor and we are going to raise his taxes. Now that doesn't make sense. It doesn't make sense at all. Now we have another little bill coming up that maybe would make sense and that is the shrinkage bill to put some money into the general fund, and then if you want to give it to the cities and counties, it is fine. But I object strongly at this time to raise the gas tax that everybody has to pay, and then talk out of the other side of our mouths and say we are going to give some tax relief. I can't see it. It isn't going to work. It isn't right. It