

to have more money. Now they have gone so far to say, and this is wrongfully labeled a broadened tax issue or basis. Wrong. It's a tax increase. That's what it is. We're increasing taxes. Now they will tell you that we're going to put a tax on business utilities and that businesses are going to pay this tax. Well now, do you mean to tell me that there is anybody in here outside of a few of you that actually believe that businesses are going to pay this tax? The citizens are going to pay this tax because the businesses are going to raise the price of their product just exactly like chemicals and seed corn and fertilizer and everybody else have raised the price of their product and you can't do anything about it. You are going to go in and buy clothes and shirts or whatever you're going to buy, and if you're going to tax those people, they're going to raise the price of the merchandise you're buying and that's taxing the people. Now I'm sure Senator Schmit understands what I'm talking about because the fertilizer, seed corn and all of that has been raised and he has to pay for it and he doesn't make any money. I'm sure Senator Sieck understands that because all of his costs are going up and I'm sure Senator Sieck understands that this tax on utilities will be turned over to the citizens. Now Senator Sieck mentioned to me that he went to a farm sale and he was talking about there going to be a sales tax on the farm equipment at the farm sale and he didn't get any negative input. Well I'll bet you this, you give me the microphone that that auctioneer was using and let me explain to those farmers just exactly what that sales tax is going to do to them and you would get some negative input. They're busy farming, they're busy listening to the auctioneer and they don't have time to stop and think that it's a tax increase.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I think this is wrong at this time. The income is down \$20 million. We have a shortfall. People don't have any money, but yet this body is going to turn right around and slap on to them a hidden tax. They want to raise the gas tax two and a half cents. You want to raise the taxes here. Don't you wait, or just wait, if we do this, we raise the gas tax and we raise this tax, it's going to explode out there when you go home, but those of you that aren't going to run it probably won't make any difference, but it's going to explode because those people out there are sick and tired of being snookered into paying taxes they