

part with Lincoln is part of a bigger change which saves Ak-Sar-Ben next year over a million dollars in addition to what the bill already provides in terms of a tax break. We are tagging along in a little hitch onto this big trailer that is moving down the road and we appreciate the concern given, but thank you very much, we would rather do it our own way. And I understand Senator Higgins' concerns about Lincoln. You know, my first year down here in 1979 I was working on some bills and we used to just sit around and we would say, okay, we are lining up some support, we have got Senator Warner and, you know, where he is helping out, and Senator Marvel and they are all helping out. We have really got things lined up. We also...we have also got Newell on board. He is going to oppose the bill. We made sure that...Senator Newell, I love him very much, but part of the strategy was always to try and make sure Newell was against it. It would pick up a couple of votes. And we think probably as this amendment has been characterized as helping Lincoln, we probably lost votes for the amendment than they gained votes with the popularity of Lincoln. I know we wouldn't win very many popularity contests at this point with all the different demands we are placing on you. We don't mean to be that way. We just are doing our job, I guess, representing our city. But, nevertheless, in recognizing the concerns about Lincoln's greediness, perhaps, as characterized by Senator Higgins, we are not asking to go back to a 3 percent tax rate; we are asking to go to a 4 percent tax rate so we just don't pay more taxes and don't get that break that this bill would provide. I know the Fairgrounds would like it. They would appreciate it and I think maybe they even deserve it. But we recognize the need for tightness on the revenue picture and our amendment which would follow this one from Senator Warner and myself would take care of the Lincoln problem and at least not have them be in worse shape and so I guess I am asking you to reject this amendment and adopt that Lincoln amendment and let the bill go through. I think that pretty well is the fairest and most equitable way to deal with the problem.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall is next, but may I introduce a very special guest of Senators Schmit, Sieck and Rod Johnson. Under the north balcony we have Mr. Paul Badji from Senegal, West Africa. He is head of Division of International Organizations for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. And he is accompanied by Portia Franklin who is