

saying, I don't think we should do this in '86, we should do it in '87 because '86 is an election year. Who is up for election in '86? The even numbered districts. I'm not. I was last year and I made my promise in '84 when I voted for this. So now Senator Hoagland is saying, don't let's do this in '86, an election year, that might be a tough thing to answer to your constituents. Some of you who voted in '84 for tax relief, property tax relief, you don't want to have to answer to the people when you're campaigning. Why did you defer the homestead exemption? Why did you break your word? When can we believe you politicians? Do you ever tell the truth? Do you ever keep your promises? Haven't we justified being called tinhorns? Oh, we don't have the money this year. Would you please tell me what year will we have the money for true property tax relief? Will there ever be such a day as long as elections come around every two years in this body and half of them have to run? If you're going to do it, do it up front. I'm not going to vote for either of these amendments. I'm sticking with my word, but I'd rather Senator Hoagland, when he campaigns next year, go out and explain to the people, we didn't have the money. Let him answer why we voted on a bill and then changed our minds after we were elected. This is my whole point. What year will we have the money, Senators? We've got \$600 and some thousand dollars for the Arts Council. We've got money for many other things. We've got money for all 49 of us to fly all over the world. We've got plenty of money whenever one of us wants to go to Washington on some seminar. We've got money for the Senators to go annually to a convention and come back and say, oh, mercy, how much I learned. I really think the state...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...could survive if we didn't go every year to these conventions. I have never in my five years taken a trip out of the State of Nebraska at taxpayers expense and I'll never do it unless there is a real justified cause where perhaps I might be ordered to, required because of a committee, but it all comes down to doing it up front. If you do it Hall's way, next year is an election year and those who campaign have to answer to the people. If you do it the Hoagland way, you're off the hook for another year. You don't have to vote on the deferment again, but I'm voting against both amendments because I