

different mechanism as the bill last year that was vetoed. The bill was advanced on the theory, as I recall, from reading the literature and listening to the debate, that we were going to follow the California example and try to pioneer this particular tax. In fact, the California proposal was killed and defeated. We now know that. So this would make Nebraska the first and the only one to attempt this. It occurs to me that we have a tendency in this state in recent years to figure every way we can to destroy Nebraska businesses while we pioneer new concepts from Initiative 300 to this thing which will impinge upon Nebraska businesses. It will make them the only ones in the United States against which retaliation will be taken. You can just bet on that. It will make our companies uncompetitive. I do not deny that at the federal level it is appropriate for the federal government to pass a law encompassing all 50 states dealing with this issue in some way. I do deny that Nebraska should punish its own businesses internally in an attempt to illustrate what we think is a problem that should be addressed by the federal government. And that is what the bill does. Now, I don't know whether the Governor is going to veto it this year or not. I do know this, there are proposals you can pass into law and implement tomorrow morning that will raise millions of dollars, such as the tax amnesty that is constitutional and which has been tested and which would require minimal money, minimal expenditure and where you get some money. And you would hurt no one. You would help get new taxpayers on the tax rolls that haven't been there and you would collect money that was owed. Now, that is something you could do. Why are we chasing this thing which, as I say, is going to hurt Nebraska business, while we send a flare up to the federal government saying, this is a problem and to show you how bad a problem it is, we are going to hurt our own state and our own businesses. I do believe it is unconstitutional. I do believe the Bellas Hess case makes that very clear and all the studies that have been done say Bellas Hess makes this thing unconstitutional and at the federal level if you want to change it, pass a federal law. Now, finally, I would say think about all the 800 businesses that we are trying to get into this state, what we are trying to make Nebraska because of its geography and other things the center for distributing products for having mail order houses here, for this kind of thing. We are going to take something we are trying to create and be the only state to put upon anybody that is located here and wants to