

to do when we enacted that bill.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I want to say just one more thing, that the farmers who cannot afford new equipment are now being forced to pay the sales tax on this equipment. I would suggest again as Senator Vickers said, when I go to the city I don't go there to swim in the swimming pool, or play golf on the golf course, I go there to buy parts, I go there to buy equipment, and I pay the sales tax, and I pay it willingly and knowingly, and it is kind of ironic that most of us supported it, most of us supported the 1 1/2 percent exemption for Lincoln and Omaha, and then we turned around and said it is only fair to give it to the rest of those cities also, but we know who pays a large portion of that tax. It is the nonurban resident. It is the rural resident who goes to those cities and buys the goods that are sold there, and if you could put a 1 1/2 percent sales tax for Bellwood, it won't raise enough money to paint the white line down the middle of the city street because we don't have anyone buying anything in Bellwood. We don't have any businesses. We have a few little houses and a few little stores, a grocery store, a couple of taverns, but the major beneficiaries of the 1 1/2 percent sales tax are, number one, the metropolitan class cities, number two, the primary class cities, number three, the first class cities, and the rest of them don't amount to a hill of beans and we all know it. So I support Senator Haberman and I oppose the motion to kill, and if we want to start talking about equity, Senator Vard Johnson, we will be glad to talk about it day after day after day for the balance of the time we have left, and God bless you of the Revenue Committee, you have got a tough job, but you asked for it, and now it is up to you. And I haven't asked you because you had eliminated yourself from the floor to explain the exemption you did advance. I think it had something to do with if the income falls below a certain level for a nonprofit group, we will then hold you harmless. Well, there isn't a farmer in this body nor a businessman who says if you will hold us harmless, our income remains up here, we will continue to pay the tax. I would suggest we go back and take another look at that a little bit. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak, have speaking time now? Senator Wesely is before you, Senator