

they are going to do, and they never do things on time. Yet we are binding ourself to something that the federal government does, and we have no control. They don't even have control back there themselves sometimes. Then it says in here at least 10 days before the tax commissioner is required to report to the Legislature they have a public hearing. Well, then they are supposed to give public notice. We have weeklies in western Nebraska. We don't get any of these public notices. They are printed in the Lincoln paper in real small type that there is going to be a public hearing on such and such an issue. We don't know what is going on because we don't get those public notices. So all of the...also we appear at a public hearing to testify, those who are aware of it. Yet it leaves the authority to one person, that one person makes the decision. So 10 days before they are supposed to report to us, and it doesn't say in there when they are supposed to report to us, and if it is 10 days before the session this is bad. It makes the bill bad. So I don't like to lose that control. I don't think we should give it away, and that is what we're doing. We're giving away our control, we're relying upon the federal government, and I'm sick and tired of relying upon the federal government in a lot of fields, not only just agriculture, because they adjourn, or they go on a trip, or they do this, or they have a recess. And sometimes they don't even get around to passing the money, the bill to pay their employees. Then they have to have an emergency appropriation because they can't get around to making up their minds. So I don't think this Legislature has any business tying any of our tax structure into anything that the federal government is going to do. We should deal with it, the Legislature should deal with it, and if nothing else, Senator Johnson's amendment is much better than this one. At least we have some kind of local control. This one takes it all away from us because all the tax commissioner has to say is, well, the federal government did this, the federal government did that, you directed me to do this if the federal government acts in a certain way. So why even have a public hearing because we are directing them, you shall do this. It is not may, it is shall. Whenever you give one person or one bureaucratic office that much authority, it is just plain wrong. So I ask you to oppose LB 42 (sic) in its present form. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hoagland is next, followed by Senators Sieck and Barrett. Senator Hoagland calls the question on the adoption of the committee amendments. Do I see five hands? I do. I'll put the question