

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The bill itself simply addresses alterations to the personal income tax rate. That is what it addresses. To the extent that there is a shift, which would...to the extent that the individual income tax base for Nebraska is reduced by the federal government...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, okay. Why, Senator Johnson, don't we address, if there is a federal shift in the rate to corporations within the federal code, why don't we address that also?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I think the primary reason why we are not addressing it in this measure is that to address it becomes technically quite difficult and most importantly, Senator Haberman, as our Economic Advisory Forecasting Board so artfully demonstrated yesterday, corporate community in this state is quite able to fend for itself in terms of our tax laws. I believe that the Economic Advisory Forecasting Board, in effect, concluded that there is at least \$13 million worth of tax...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, Senator Johnson,...

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...farming occurring.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, thank you. Members of the body, quite possibly the reason it doesn't accept or change or address a shift in corporate taxpayers within the federal code is because the Burlington Northern and the Union Pacific Railroads are in favor of the bill. Now why would they be in favor of this bill? Well we just have to assume because it doesn't touch them, it doesn't touch corporations. It just touches individuals. So I imagine I would be pleased too not to have a bill that would have anything to do with raising my corporate taxes. Now I want to call out to you that there is a lot to this bill that probably won't be discussed here today, due to the lack of information. And I want to also call to your attention that this bill calls for a 20 percent income tax rate, and we're getting the cart before the horse. But to get back to Senator Johnson's amendment I think it is a good amendment. And as we progress with this bill, if it advances, I think we should address any shift in corporate taxpayers within the federal code itself because why should we pick on the ordinary citizens and let the biggies get off for free? And I think that the Revenue Committee possibly should have taken this into consideration, in their wisdom, to include this in the bill, which they did not. So I support the Johnson amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.