

whether we should have income taxes for corporations or individuals, or what those particular rates should be. My belief is that we should take a good, hard look at this particular issue of income tax, and how much they should be charged in our overall revenue raising scenario for state government. When the task force does come back I think we'll have a pretty clear understanding of where we should be going in the future. With that, I'm really going to just kind of wait on this amendment. I'm going to be voting against the bill and I really hate to make the bill any better, make it any sweeter for individuals to vote for. But I wanted to point out that this particular amendment doesn't make the bill any better. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, as you know, I oppose the bill and the amendment makes it worse. When you go back and look at who testified for the bill, Nebraska Rail Road Association, the Nebraska Association of School Boards, and the Nebraska Farm Bureau. Opposed was the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska Association of Commerce and Industry. Now what I'm wondering is whether the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Association of School Boards still support this bill if we are giving a tax break to corporations. Now you might hear the argument that the only way you can bring big business in is to give the corporate tax rate. To me this means the people who are earning 180, 200, 300 thousand dollars a year, they shouldn't have to pay income tax. Well, it is a bad amendment. It is an amendment that completely changes the bill. And I'm not convinced that we even need a tax increase. But to take this authority away from us, to have special class legislation like this, at this late date, I think is absolutely wrong. So I would say that if we are not going to do it for everybody, why should we single out just one segment of society. So I think it is a bad amendment and I'd like to ask you not to support the amendment that is being offered to you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you through, Senator Haberman?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. I understand we have an amendment. Amendment to the amendment.