

tax that Pepsi Cola and Coca-Cola, they are loaded with caffeine. Now the ones that are caffeine-free we won't tax but just the ones that are loaded with caffeine. Then I think it was said that two-thirds of us don't smoke. The way the population is going today, maybe two-thirds of us are over the hill, senior citizens, maybe two-thirds of us don't engage in sex so we ought to tax that too. If we are going to go by percentages of who does and who doesn't, let's do a real survey. How many drink coffee? How many drink soft drinks full of caffeine? I think what I like best is the idea that Nebraska is not yet number one in taxing cigarettes. Shame on us. Worse, we don't even tax cigars. Now if you use that logic that there are other states that have a higher tax than Nebraska on cigarettes, let's get busy and tax everything a little bit higher. Let's raise all the taxes, raise the income tax, raise the sales tax. Let's get to be number one in taxes in this state. Football isn't enough. Let's get it up there. The way to do that is tax coffee and soft drinks and those horrible things that have got sugar in them. There go my Snickers, but I'm willing to make that sacrifice so that Nebraska can be number one in taxing. Senator Marsh, I commend you for bringing that to our attention that we are not yet number one in taxing tobacco. I don't care if they run the tobacco farmers out of business and they start growing soybeans. That isn't going to hurt the Nebraska farmers when you consider the south can raise twice as many soybeans, I understand, as we can here in the Midwest. We'll tax soybeans too and that will make us even bigger and better taxers of the people. We are almost there, you know, in being number one in gasoline tax, if we aren't already. So we've got a good start. I have a sister who is 63 years old. Fifteen years ago she had her first heart attack. Since then she has had four serious heart attacks. Since then she has had carotid surgery on her arteries on the neck. Just last month I went to Des Moines when she had her gallbladder removed. She has a fantastic heart doctor, I think you will have to agree, to have kept her alive all these years and yet she still smokes. Her doctor said he would not require her to quit smoking because the stress from taking that away from her could very well be the end of her heart because cigarette smoking gives her some type of relaxation when tension mounts. Now I'm talking about a real bona fide heart specialist, when he brings a woman through four severe heart attacks and the other surgeries that she's had. If you buy everything that caffeine causes