

have mixed emotions about this part of the Governor's proposal. I don't think it's a very fair proposal when you take these older cars and you put them all in the same fee schedule, it seems like we're penalizing the individual that has the older car at the expense of the ones that have the newer, more expensive automobiles. And I think we need to take a look at that. Even though it's something we may have to do eventually, I think it's...we need to look at the whole big picture because it's estimated that this will raise \$15 million statewide. And when you're going to raise \$15 million statewide with this vehicle tax it's going to come from the ones that can least afford to pay, which are your older people that have older vehicles. So I really have mixed emotions about this part of the Governor's plan anyway. And I guess, by taking it out would help me, although I realize we have to raise \$90 million and this was a place to get 15 million of it. But I think maybe that if we took it out, we could find the 15 million someplace else. So I will listen, I guess, and decide later on. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We'll now go to Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I really hope that as Senator Hall addresses this bill in more detail, this amendment in final detail, that people will listen. I'm amazed that we are about to embark upon this kind of amendment and everyone is not sitting on the front seat...the front four inches of their chair. They say there's something good in everyone and there's something good in every bill and this is, I guess, that one redeeming quality perhaps in the amendments that Senator Hall is providing. And I certainly would support this amendment. I just want to say that it's sort of interesting that when we begin to split hairs and we allow someone other than this Legislature to draft tax policy we are asking for nothing but trouble. Now I'm not critical of Governor Nelson. Governor Nelson has been in office for fewer weeks than I've been here for years and we have told the Governor, you bring us a plan. That is nonsense, sheer, simple, pure, and honest. The Governor should not be drafting tax policy for the State of Nebraska, nor should the Supreme Court. That is our responsibility. As odious as we find it to be and as burdensome as we find it to be, and as threatening to our political careers as it may be, it is our responsibility. It is an impossibility to craft on this floor, under this bill or any other bill or any