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SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...shift to this fee base.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. The next speaker is Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I will waive till closing.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I think Senator Warner touched upon something which needs to be discussed a little. He said, just how pure do you want the bill to be that you send over to the court? Well, if you want a really pure bill, you will vote for the Carson and Schmit amendment which will be coming along after a while. It may also be your ticket into retirement, but you will at least know that you did what had to be done for the people of the State of Nebraska. I want to just say again that we are here today because we did not address the problem the way we should have time after time after time. And we are trying to buy a short-term ticket to a long-term problem and it is not going to work. There aren't five...well, maybe the members of the Revenue Committee understand this bill, I will give the Governor and his staff credit that perhaps they understand it, but do they understand the impact of it? As I told Senator Moore, and I'm sure Senator Warner would agree, the impact of the Appropriations Committee upon the people of Nebraska is minimal, it is minuscule contrasted with the impact of a bill such as this. Once the Appropriations Committee brings their bills to this floor and we adopt them or reject them, that's it. We spend the money and it's gone, or we sometimes tie ourselves into a program year after year, but not in any way do we impact upon the people of the state as seriously as we do with revenue bills. I well recall when I stood here and discussed with Senator Vard Johnson the impact of 773. And when I challenged his assertion that it would raise taxes only a few million dollars, he said, as usual, Senator Schmit, you exaggerate. The truth then came out that I was way below the power curve, way behind, and, in fact, we raised millions upon millions of dollars and for a variety of reasons and no one will yet agree upon the exact reason. But it did set off a spending binge which today we are still trying to