

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I, too, will be voting against this amendment. As you know, I represent mostly urban taxpayers but every one of those urban taxpayers in my area know that if agriculture or if business does not make it, there are no new pickups sold, there are no new video rentals. I can go on down the line. My people in my community know, whether or not you want to admit it, we are still agricultural related. I will not be supporting the 3-R proposal as it is now. I am committed to support something. If the body decides to go that way, I will guarantee you, I will be right back in there fighting for that proposal. The railroads have told me, don't kid yourself, the false illusion is that we're going to be taxed, the central assessed property will come back on. I asked what the figure was, probably about 4 million for the U.P., 4 million for the Burlington, but the courts have already said we don't need to pay tax. So you're kidding. They will have opposition. There are big bucks there, I will tell you that. I am committed to support the constitutional amendment, but my people want stability and stability is certainly not putting any personal property back on the tax rolls. We have gone down that list for some time. There are other sources of income, one of them that I may mention and this is just throwing it out, tax many states, they tax some type of tangible property. Also talk about, or intangibles. Maybe a tax on patronage dividends. We're not considering country club dues. We can go down the long list but let's make this tax base as fair and as honest as can be. I somewhat, and I don't like to...the concern was that if you think anybody, because I get a haircut and I may pay an extra nickel for the haircut, you can go to the beauty parlor and pay \$25 to get your nails done and well, that's fine, I'll go back next week and give \$25 to get my nails done, but I cannot afford another little tax. People realize that someone has to pay and I know that most of the senators have a lot of rural constituents and I would suggest that Senator Robak probably will be passing that tax on to many, many of her rural constituents much more than what she may realize and that is one group that they simply cannot pass that tax on. If everybody is taxed on his shirt, the price of the shirt goes up a little bit. When we're all done, it's only the individual that pays the tax, but my people at home are telling me, tax sales and income. That is the only fair thing to do is an adjustment to the income tax and if you want to buy a Cadillac, you pay for a Cadillac. I don't know as that will go, the body will accept that. I'll