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members voting. I don't care if you strip all of the revenue raising measures out of this bill, I'll still vote for the committee amendments. I'll still vote for the bill. And what you'll do then is then you will have the homeowners pay it, you will have the homeowners pay the bill and if that's what you want to do, that's fine, but as you listen to people and say well, I don't really like personal property, I'd like to try and finally make the same people pay as much as possible, saying they will pay the bill. That's what 1120 has tried to do, that's what a number of bills have tried to do and when you do that, obviously you have to step on...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...step on someone's toes and you pull back and don't make them pay as well, instead I'll vote for the bill without any revenue raising measures in it. I think you've still got a sounder tax policy then. At least if you exempt it all, that's fine with me. The personal property taxpayer will...that's not my preferred method. I prefer to make up the difference. That's what I'd like to do. I think that's what we should do. I've always said one of the number one things you have to do is make sure the homeowners don't eat it, but when you try and do that, you pull all the amendments out to try and protect the homeowner, that's what this amendment does as well. For that reason I rise to oppose it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Madam Speaker. Again, I have problems and this is certainly a good amendment as a number of them will be. Who are you hurting and who aren't you, but, Senator Hillman, I've got a question of you. You are from western Nebraska or I think Senator Wickersham can answer this too. Something that you have no control over and I don't, I heard last evening by the grain and feed dealers that the western Nebraska electric company are increasing their rates 100 percent this year. You know, we're quibbling here over you know...it just really puts us in a bind. Someone can do that to us and we have no control over it. We just accept it. Am I correct? Do you know?

SENATOR HILLMAN: I'm not aware of a western Nebraska electric company, Senator Nelson. It may be under a name, but I'm not aware of that particular company...(interruption)