

able to tell he or she how to avoid this tax, not evade it, how to avoid it. That's been going on since time immemorial and we talk about the return of business equipment to the tax rolls. Ladies and gentlemen, except for myself on this floor and one or two others, no one ever points out the fact that under 775 the major businesses in this state are going to be exempt, but the ma and pa hardware store in David City and Scottsbluff and Anselmo are going to pay the bill. They are going to pay the bill, because they don't come under the 775 exemptions. And mind you, I said earlier, I do not favor repeal of those exemptions because I think you've got to have some kind of common sense and some kind of stability to the program even though it was enacted over my objections. But all the more reason why, ladies and gentlemen, I dig in my heels and oppose this. I was thinking about writing a letter to my good friends, the new car dealers, and implement dealers, and some of the rest of those individuals, the lumbermen, and pointing out to them that in the event, that in the event a group of individuals say enough is enough and we do not vote for the constitutional amendment, and I disagree with my good friend Senator Warner, I don't think that's the worst thing that can happen. I think that it would brook all attention to the fact that once in a great while, maybe once in two or three or ten years on this floor, a few legislators have enough gumption to stand up and say, it's not fair, it's inequitable, it eventually will not work, we have no assurance that it will work and, therefore, we're not going to do it. And if we're going to put it back on, it will all go back on. I want to hear from my friends, I want to hear from those car dealers who have in their pockets today millions of dollars because we exempted them back in the seventies and who today have parted company with their rural friends and have said, put it back on that small farmer and put it back on that urban homeowner. I want to hear my sisters in Omaha when they talk about their tax increases because of 1063 on their homes. I want to have their senator explain to them how it could be that taxes went up. Ladies and gentlemen, 1063 is a revenue raising measure. It

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...designed to raise revenue as was 773, as was 1059, as was all of those. They are designed for one purpose, to give those individuals who want to spend money within government more access to revenue at the expense of the individual taxpayer. Ladies and gentlemen, a few individuals