

I'm going to lay down and roll over and be dead, you're not going to get anything. You're not going to get anything. You're going to get stomped on. The argument that was offered against Senator Hall's bill about the extreme increase in rural real estate costs, I think Senator Hall actually refuted when he said if it would raise the cost of rural real estate taxes by that much there would have been 35 votes for the bill. They wouldn't have none of them come from the rural areas. I'm only asking you one thing. Make up your mind who you want to follow. You've followed some leadership in the past, ladies and gentlemen, that has taken the taxes off personal property and you are following the leadership now which is going to reimpose those taxes. I do not know why there has been a shift in the attitude toward personal property taxes, but there has been by some people, and I can tell you again, and again, and again that if you buy into this kind of an amendment which has been proposed by my good friend Senator Lindsay, that's a proagriculture amendment. If that's a proagriculture amendment then Gorbachev would still be the leader of the U.S.S.R. and there wouldn't be a Commonwealth, and if you don't understand it, ladies and gentlemen, you shouldn't support it. You can't take these things on face. My colleague who used to sit here has said "trust me", but he explained the amendment in detail. He explained it in detail. We know that the numbers that are forthcoming are not...are not going to be accurate. I have a question of Senator Lindsay, the principal introducer of the amendment. Senator Lindsay, do you have any idea...? Maybe Senator Withem would know. Senator Withem, you might know.

SENATOR WITHEM: I would doubt it.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I'm going to ask you anyway, for the record.

SENATOR WITHEM: Here, Senator Lindsay's back and I know he has the answer.

SENATOR SCHMIT: When it's question and answer time, this body can be as scarce as senators. Well, Senator Lindsay, how many tons of fertilizer, nitrogen fertilizer, are there sold in the State of Nebraska annually?

SENATOR LINDSAY: We talked about that earlier and I don't remember the exact figure. It was...I can get the figure for you, though, and give it to you in the next floor talk here.