

percentage of the income of those who don't make much money. The more things you make subject to the sales tax, the more of the overall income of a low income person you subject to the tax. A person making a relatively decent amount of money is going to have money after taxes to spend for other things. But since those who are poor...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...spend most of their money on things that are taxed, almost a totality of their income is subject to some kind of tax. Almost the totality of their income is subject to some kind of tax. One other quote that I would give, "To him that hath shall be given, from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." That's another way of saying the rich get richer, the poor get poorer. And in this state, by enacting bills of this kind, in a creeping manner, we're going to expose more and more of the income of those with the least amount of income to the greatest percentage of taxation, and I think it is totally inappropriate. And, for that and other reasons, I'm going to definitely vote against this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President, members, I guess I just wanted to talk a little bit on this too and on this particular issue I guess I'm going to be on the same side as Senator Chambers is. I just feel that this is an added tax and whether it's pop or snack foods, or whatever it is, it's still food. And I don't know whether the members have sat down and figured this out, and these are probably approximate, but right now in the State of Nebraska we have about a 1.6 billion dollar budget and we've got about a 1.6 million dollar pop...or 1.6 million population, so basically our expenditures right now are \$1,000 per person. This includes men, women and children, and I think this is something to think about when we work in here and just propose to raise more taxes on these items. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Hall, followed by Senator Janssen.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise to oppose the bill. Unfortunately, I don't have the ability to be as eloquent as Senator Chambers, I would be the Joe