

of us who see this as a regressive tax, which ought not be imposed to the extent that it is, would have that one battle to wage, and we would be doing it at the highest policy level of the state. But to allow that base to be divided up for reasons that are not fiscally responsible in such a way that when the state does have a legitimate need to raise revenue, it is reduced to getting into gambling and doing other things, which, in my mind, are inappropriate. They start attaching what they call fees to registration of your vehicle, renewing or obtaining, in the first instance, a driver's license, things that you are required by law to do, and have no choice as to whether you do it or not, and they can gouge you as they please because they are afraid to raise taxes due to the fact that certain of these same kind of taxes are levied by the city. And I hope when this is written about by the World-Herald somebody other than the one who wrote in a very trifling, trivializing way about the Northern Ireland issue will write about this. To trivialize that issue and reduce it to an argument between two senators is reprehensible, irresponsible, and inexcusable. It could only be done by somebody working for the World-Herald and I am of the suspicion that that was the order. On such serious issues as that, they ought to send somebody down who can understand more than a three-syllable word, provided it is not one of profanity. And I hope on this issue a better job is done but I have no expectation of that. I want that in the record.

SENATOR MOORE PRESIDING

SENATOR MOORE: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This kind of thing that Senator Ashford is doing runs right along with the kind of articles and editorials written by the World-Herald. Crackbrain, numskullish, I am not talking about you, Senator Ashford, I am talking about what you're bringing. We don't judge Santa Claus by everything he has got in his sack, he is a kindly, jolly old gentleman at whom you laugh when you see him in spite of yourself. I am not saying that about you, I am just kind of making a parallel with Santa Claus. That...I will give them my last few seconds because my time is up on this time around, but I support Senator Wickersham's amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, our next speaker is Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Elmer.