

they join the pros, even they'd take a cut and pay some of them, but I want them paid over the table. That has not been achieved yet but they are talking about that more and more, and I think it will come pretty quickly. But I want to ask Senator Schellpeper a question.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, is it your opinion that in every county if a vote were to be taken, a majority would vote to continue this exemption?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Oh, I would sure hope so because I think county fairs are very good for our youth in 4-H, and I think every county would appreciate that, although there is some individuals that, if they can see a way to gain a few additional tax dollars, maybe they would say, well, let's tax them. Although, if once they realized that it would be tax dollars paying tax dollars, I think they would all vote to just keep them like they are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But there are things that these societies do that raise money.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Some of them do, yes, they do. I'd say...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that wouldn't be tax dollars.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, they are all operated for the benefit of their own local area, so...their own local county, so I guess if you are going to benefit that county, the ag society is a good way to do it because you can levy a local tax for that operation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Schellpeper, is it your contention that in all of these functions that are put on, for which money can be obtained, they would not make enough money to pay the personal property tax they would be assessed and they'd have to levy a tax to do that?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Oh, I think they would definitely have to levy a tax. I don't know how much money in Douglas County they actually give to the county fair. I think it is 150 or 200 thousand dollars. A lot of our county fairs in the state give all the way from 20, 30 thousand dollars a year, up to 250