

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think they are well known throughout the County of Douglas for what they do?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If there were a vote, do you think the people would vote to give them a personal property tax exemption?

SENATOR HALL: Based on the fact that they impose a sales tax on themselves, they might just do that, but I would guess no, probably not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, this amendment deals only with Douglas County, and I'm offering the amendment and I think it has merit. It is one thing for people to say as they can about these other counties that the horticultural county...societies have been there a long time, Senator Wickersham has disappeared to, and they have done a lot for the county, and were it not for those societies, the counties would not be what they are today. I doubt that that can be said about the situation in Douglas County, so this amendment deals only with that county because it is the only county with a metropolitan class city in it. That is the way the amendment is drafted. And, remember, what is being discussed here is personal property, not real property, and I would like to ask Senator...oh, he is still there, Senator Schellpeper, you were aware during our other discussion that I was talking only about personal property.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you give me an idea of what personal property they have with the horticultural and agricultural society in your county that would be assessed so much that they would have trouble paying it without levying a tax themselves?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, we have what we consider a community building, and its, well, we can seat about 500 people in this building, and we have a complete kitchen facility in there, complete, you know, chairs, tables, air conditioning, heaters, it's a very huge building there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would anything attached to the real property, such an air conditioner, be considered personal property?