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lot of good publicity we talk about the property tax problems in our state. The other day Senator Johnson was referring to the \$232 million that has been lost to local subdivisions of Nebraska as a result of our repeal of the property tax on farm inventories and on business inventories. What this restoration does, and the figures don't come to my mind immediately, but what this restoration does is put us back to a much, much smaller number than the 232 million, 70, \$80 million, something along that line, as I recall, and I don't see anybody from the appropriations either nodding yes or no to me on whether that is an appropriate level or not. This is a restoration back to a rather paltry attempt by state government to reimburse counties, schools and cities for this rather huge loss of \$230 million that they have suffered as a result of the action taken by our Legislature several years ago. I support the Appropriations Committee in its efforts to restore the dollars that go back to cities and counties. I think it's a wise move and I plan on voting for it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, I'd like to introduce some guests in the north balcony, if I might, before you speak. I'd like to claim them as my guests, but I think they are probably guests of all of yours. They are kindergarteners from the Lincoln Christian School and their teachers. Also several parents are visiting with them. I heard them sing a little while ago and it was really great. Would you please welcome this group to the Legislature this morning. Thank you for visiting us this morning. Mr. Clerk, do you have something to put in?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Thank you. New A bill, 1079A by Senator Hefner. (Read LB 1079A by title for the first time.) Senator Landis has amendments to LB 1232 to be printed; Senator Withem to LB 419. (See pages 1356-62 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a request from Senator Lamb to add his name to LR 320, Senator Korshoj to LB 1093, and Senator Johanns to LR 321. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, now, and then followed by Senator Scofield.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, in all of this discussion, a loss of tax revenue and so on, and to the