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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Robak, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Nelson made some comment that I do represent a rural constituency and I do, I do. I have half and half and I have a strong rural constituency and I do believe that they honestly in their minds believe that sales and income tax is the only fair way to go and perhaps it is, maybe it is the fair way to go. And I have a good idea then if this is what they want because we all agree that there is very few rural senators on the floor. In years to come there will be less and less all the time. We must remember that there are, for the voting majority, there are less and less farmers out there, too. They are a minority and if we put this on the ballot I don't think it would go. I just don't think that the majority of the voters would vote for a sales and income tax increase for themselves, so ag could take a break although I wish they could. So I think that we should really all pass this constitutional amendment with repealing the personal property tax and put everything else on sales and income tax. I think this is what we should do in order to protect our rural economy, in order to protect a good business climate that we have in this State of Nebraska. I mean, goodness sakes, we're an envy of all the nation and everybody wants to come in here and start jobs, our cups are running all over the place, we have this great economy, we must save at all costs, so let's put this on the ballot and go to sales and income tax by May and then will be voted down. Then we can get back to the real business of how to address the tax situation and then we can put it on the ballot in November. So that's my thought for the day and incidentally the thought for the day in the paper was, there is nothing more horrifying than stupidity in action, Adlai Stevenson.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, I mean it's somewhat obvious that the supporters of 1063 have all got up and said they vote no too because now is not the time, we need to analyze this, we need to look at this and obviously the reason is, and we all know that I don't think anybody here knows who has the votes to do this. That's what we need to try and find out. I think the general handicappers that say the 3-R plan has about 15 solid votes; LB 1120, the constitutional