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LB 23

Works Committee on LB 24 and then on the floor of the Legislature with LB 112?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Wesely, this is the same amendment that I attempted to attach to LB 112.

SENATOR WESELY: Didn't we also consider it with LB 24 on Senator Maresh's bill? The Big A amendment that was proposed?

SENATOR KREMER: I think we talked about it, yes sir.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. So what I'm...what I'd like to bring to your attention is that this same amendment has been brought up twice before. The Public Works Committee has rejected it. The body of the Legislature on LB 112 rejected it, although there wasn't a vote because it wasn't germane to the bill, and I think there are enough significant implications with this amendment, that I would like to see a public hearing, or some sort of full debate on the issue because there are a number of things that could result that I don't know if we want to have happen in the State of Nebraska concerning these. First off, the question about whether or not this change in designation will exempt the Big As and the fertilizer tanks we're talking about from personal property tax. There was an Attorney General's opinion issued about this time last year that would indicate to me and to others who have read it that if we make this change, if we adopt this amendment, we essentially will be exempting the Big As from any personal property tax, and I know that there are individuals here that that would be fine and it would not be any problem in having that change, but I personally, before I'd want to make that change, I think it's significant enough that we want to make sure that that's something we want to do. So there's some controversy on whether or not that change would, in fact, take effect with this amendment. The other question is, this is brought to us because there is some concern about confusion on the county level, that the counties don't know how to deal with these creatures that have recently arisen in farm implements. From what I can understand in talking to different individuals, there evidently is not the confusion that was maybe there last year, that there is, in fact, a way in which to deal with these... these implements, and that it has been taken care of and that there isn't a problem, that there isn't a need for this amendment, and I submit to you that there isn't a need for this amendment, at least from the indications that I've