

manage. I have yet to hear any argument about how LB 1059 does not start to address this. My question to anyone who cares to answer is, what will happen to property tax levies and the current inequity in tax base between school districts, if we do not pass this bill? I would ask you to advance this bill to Select File.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, on the advancement of the bill, followed by Senators Hartnett, Conway, Kristensen, Hall, Lynch, Peterson, Hefner and Coordsen.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I'll try to make this as fast as I can, because I do see a long list there. One of the things that concerns me, and I still plan to support the bill, except try to make it the best bill that I think we can and the fairest bill possible, is the...in LB 775, and I'm probably opening up or mentioning a real can of worms here, but maybe this is the time that we should address it, as you know sales tax was forgiven to the recipients of LB 775. In essence, what we're doing is we're simply just passing those on to someone else, and particularly now in this bill we're increasing the sales tax to the average person and therefore making a different...a larger inequity between the two. I have in front of me last Sunday's Journal, in Lincoln. They estimate they lost \$800,000 in sales tax because of LB 775. In turn, this makes a 4 percent property tax increase for the balance or for most residents of Lincoln, Nebraska. I also see this happening in Senator Barrett's district, Lexington. The figures that I was reading the other day, too, to a packing plant similar to IBP that was opened up in Kansas, that the average tax benefit given for each and every worker is \$10,700. Senator Barrett's district will never get anything back like that in returns. Eighty-four percent turnover in labor in one year, 46 percent turnover in the first 60 days. It's up to the Lexington community then to educate and help with the homeless, and help with the unemployed, and help with those that cannot read in Lexington, Nebraska. I wonder if this is the time to maybe address the sales tax in LB 775 so that we do make it more equitable. Also, in last Sunday's Omaha paper, Sioux City, Iowa, the tremendous problem with social problems with the people that are unable...the Hispanics, nearly half of them employed there at a very low wage rate. And the same problem up there. I also respect Senator Schmit. And I, too, may be thinking of this to bring it in on Select File, and that is the discretionary income. I cannot see where it's anymore fair not to tax bonds and stocks. As you know, you can