

Haberman has introduced, do merit debate on the floor. I believe that it ought to be up to the entire body to determine whether those bills have merit or whether they do not. I don't believe we should place the entire emphasis and give all of the responsibility to eight members of the Revenue Committee. I think it's important at this time that we recognize that there is no purpose to be served by going before a public hearing unless the public from Scottsbluff to Bellevue, from Falls City to Chadron, have a chance to come in and be heard. I have had numerous calls from individuals who have contacted me wanting to know how they can have input on these bills. My response has been very simple, call your senator. That individual is the best access you have to these bills. To attempt to come before the committee...and I respect Senator Hall and his committee very much, I have always said it's the hardest working committee on the floor and the most difficult committee to work as a member of, but I do not believe that we can get input from the entire cross section of the State of Nebraska. To the extent that we cannot, the thinking of the committee is not going to reflect a statewide opinion. It will, in fact, reflect the opinion of eastern Nebraska and I suggest that that is not fair and that is not equitable and that might be why the bills, as we see today, particularly LB 1 and LB 2, are in such a state of disarray. Certainly, had there been more input from outstate Nebraska, from rural, urban business groups, the bills would not be undergoing the rewriting that they are undergoing today. I suggest and I ask the question how can those individuals who will come before the committee tomorrow have any inkling of what is going to be in those bills when the amendments are being drafted as of now? They will be coming before the committee prepared to testify on the green copy if prepared to testify on anything, and I would suggest that the green copy that we have before us today will in no way reflect the content of LB 1 and LB 2 when they come before the committee. I would hope that the body will discuss the merits of having the bills on the floor where all 49 members can have input because we represent, as has been said today here several times, each a constituency. The only manner in which that constituency can be represented in the drafting of these bills at this time is if the bills come to the floor. If we get a microcosm of bills before this body, we are going to only address a very narrow part of the problem and I suggest that that will not be a solution. We should not be dodging the issue. We should not be dodging the tough questions. We should be addressing the tough questions, as difficult as they are, as unpopular as they are, as unpopular,