

a major step and I agree it is a major step, but I am suggesting to you that it is a step in the right direction. It removes the personal property problem once and for all. Number two, it places back on the tax rolls property which, some of the favorite words we use around here, it was never intended to be exempt. Number three, it then clears the way for us to do those things which need to be done relative to individual situations, relative to the raising of money, relative to the financing of the schools, relative to the financing of the local subdivisions. But unless the people know where they are at, under LB 1, you are going to have a complete new line of work out there, ladies and gentlemen, for the assessors in those counties, and I suggest it is going to be almost impossible for them to do it. They are going to be faced, shortly after the first of next month, you are going to get the new appraisals on farmland. If you like the appraisal you get on farmland, ladies and gentlemen, you are going to love LB 1. I would suggest you take a good look at it. I suggest that you not summarily dismiss this amendment. You are making a serious mistake. You can be critical of me, personally, if you wish. You can criticize me, personally, for introducing the bill in this manner. It was not my desire to do so. I do so only because I think I know that you are going to have serious problems if you proceed in the direction you have laid out. I would hope that you would not kill this amendment. I would hope that you would adopt the amendment and proceed then to resolve the problems that we have created otherwise under LB 1. Ladies and gentlemen, again, I have not handed the amendment out. If you want to read the amendment, read LB 8 and LB 9. Those are the bills. The bill drafter has hundreds of them, and if you haven't checked them out and read them, it is not my fault. Specifically, Senator Haberman, a member of the Revenue Committee should have read those bills. There isn't anyway you could vote responsibly without having read the bills unless you have been committed to a preordained course of action, which happens, perhaps, once in awhile around this place but which is not good for the people of the State of Nebraska. Mr. President, and members, I ask you to vote affirmatively on my amendment to LB 1.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A simple majority prevails. Have you all voted that care to?