

local government could face into the future. I think that that needs to be very clear that this is...it is very questionable as to whether or not it does just that. Now does it give a good or at least a better definition of what real property is? Yes, it does. And I think Senator Conway's amendment does move in that direction and that's the reason for supporting it. But don't think for one minute that it is an automatic fix with regard to potential revenue loss at the local level. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you like to close, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, just a few brief comments. I think we must remember why we're here in this special session. We're trying to address some of these problems that we have. We're trying to help local government and when I say local government, we're trying to protect the families that live in these communities because they depend on local government so much. And if we don't take any action this special session, well, then, like I said before, the schools, the cities, the counties we represent will face some serious problems in their ability to deliver essential services. Right now, right now there is over 200 cases before the Nebraska Supreme Court and each one of these cases are asking for tax exemptions. Each one of these exemptions would take money away from school programs, from city programs and from county services. I don't know for sure what the Conway amendment does but I believe we're going to be in jeopardy there. But let's go ahead and advance the bill, talk to some of the people with legal minds and try to determine if the Conway amendment is better than the amendment that the Revenue Committee had. And so, at this time, I would urge for the advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 1 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 1.

PRESIDENT: LB 1 is advanced. Do you have anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.