

done with personal property. They are going to come in here and say, well, show us where we're a threat, and they may kick us around some. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Before we proceed to the next speaker, I am going to announce some more guests of the Legislature. We have some guests of Senator Labeledz that are in the south balcony. They are 30 fourth and eighth graders from St. Mary's in Omaha and their teachers. Will you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. And we also have some guests of Senator Byars from...they are 12 students from the Government class from Odell High School and they are also in the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us. The next speaker is Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I, too, feel that there are probably some inequities in the program and those inequities tend to be worked out over time. But, certainly, this amendment by Senator Lamb is not going to do anything but create more inequities. The main inequity, of course, would be that farmers and others that are benefitting from Senator Lamb's amendment would be paying no fees at all and still would receive the benefits of the fund. That is...that is a gross inequity. So if Senator Lamb, on Select, can come back with some amendments that make sense, I think the Legislature should listen to him. But I don't think this amendment makes much sense at all. Senator Elmer indicated to you that counties and municipalities, all their tanks would be excluded, but the railroads, too, and hospitals, all the other political subdivisions; truckers, trucking industry is huge, all their tanks would be excluded. You would be creating many more problems than you would be solving to adopt such an amendment as this in its present form. So I hope you will reject the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lamb, your light is the last one on, do you wish this to be your closing, too, or...?

SENATOR LAMB: Whatever.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, Senator Beutler makes a good point and I would not have offered this amendment had it