

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, well I was opposed to the Warner amendment and I think with this amendment it would really do LR 186 in. If you really want this to pass, we can't have this amendment on there and if you don't care about having it pass, then we can go ahead and put it on. This is an amendment that has, or that could have very drastic results some time. I'm not saying that it will, but it really could have drastic results some time. So I think we need to oppose this amendment at this time. We cannot have both amendments, the Warner and the Lindsay amendment both. I think it's something that would definitely kill LR 186 because I do not see it happening in any place in Nebraska that they're going to approve a resolution with these two amendments on it. So with that I'll oppose the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'm a little amazed. I went back and asked Senator Lindsay why he didn't use the two-thirds figure that we have in our Constitution at various places and he said because he didn't think that even the three-fifths would be acceptable and in hearing the debate today, I am amazed. We have a two-thirds for the override of the Governor, for the emergency clause, for deficiency appropriations, but we cannot abide a two-thirds amendment on putting in exemptions of property? I think we need a protection like that every year instead of a constitutional amendment review every 10 years and it should be more difficult. We've gotten into trouble for the last...well, 20 years and I think we should be more careful with exemptions than we have in the past even though we are changing our Constitution. I voted for Senator Warner's amendment. His closing really got me and I don't see why these would be incompatible. I support the three-fifths that Senator Lindsay is proposing and actually think it should be two-thirds.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very briefly, I rise to say that I oppose this amendment by Senator Lindsay. I, like Senator Schellpeper, believe that it would seriously jeopardize the chances of LR 186 passage at the voters in August. I think that we need to keep the amendment that we submit to the voters as simple as possible. I very much appreciated the approach that Senator Warner was willing to take