

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support LR 243. This is a resolution that extends the date of assessment another month. Now it's March 1st and this would extend it to March 31st. The Revenue Committee during its meeting the other day, talked about this and before that I know that Senator Lowell Johnson and Senator Jerry Warner had sent letters to their county assessors. I had numerous calls from the county assessors in the 19th Legislative District, and they didn't know what exactly to do. They did quote this one section of the statute that Senator Warner talked about and they could extend this for 30 days in hardship cases and they just kind of wondered if all of those would be hardship cases and I told them, I said at this particular time, I say, I would certainly advise them to hang loose and delay it as long as they could. But this resolution will be sent to all the county assessors and maybe this way they will have a consensus and do this in a uniform way. It will be about the same way across the state in all 93 counties. Before that many of the county assessors didn't know what to do or how to handle it and so this will give them some guidance. So I would encourage you to support this resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Before we proceed with debate, I'd like to call the senators' attention to the north and south balconies. Special guests today of Senator Moore are approximately 170 students and sponsors for the 24th District State Government Day. They are from the following schools: Stromsburg, York, Milford, Seward, Benedict, Bradshaw, Nebraska Lutheran, Centennial and McCool Junction. Would you please rise and be recognized and welcome to the Legislature today. Thank you very much. Now recognize Senator Coordsen followed by Senator Cudaback. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature, I, too, rise and support this issue. Those of us who have multicounty districts with a wide variety of personal property holders in that have recognized for some period of time the problems that were coming on for both the assessors and the individual people out in the district, given the uncertainty of the property tax situation at the current time. I think this is a good idea. It's regrettable that it wasn't done much, much earlier in the session than what it is, but certainly today is not too late. I would encourage certainly unanimous support of this resolution. Thank you, Madam President.