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be willing to work but I will tell you that that's what my people are telling me. They're not telling you to put it back on the backs of the farmer or the business person. Let them pay their fair share. There is part of that in 1120, and I think Scott's word is, how can we forego the tax on the 775 benefits and then come out and tell that young farmer or business person that is barely making it or maybe isn't making it or is facing bankruptcy, that's okay, we can put a little more burden on your back, but, folks, we cannot do that and honestly go home and face our people. So at this point I will be supporting LB 1120 and hope to come up with some other sources that are fair in most of our minds.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schmit, followed by Senator Robak.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, just want to say again that I believe that there are some really serious problems about 1063 and I've been told repeatedly that the votes are there for the bill. If the votes are there for the bill, now is the time to do it. You can ride over 1120 and you can debate 1063 on its merits or the lack thereof. I can talk either way. I would just like to say again that I would hope that the people of the State of Nebraska understand thoroughly what we're proposing to do with the constitutional amendment that repeals the equal and proportionate clause on personal property. If you do that, you're opening up a can of worms and I think then you ought to just do what I proposed some time ago, take the equal and proportionate clause away from both real and personal and let Katie bar the door because it will be wide open and subsequent legislatures are going to have a field day and we will see, I believe, the worst kind of tax system that could ever evolve. All of us have seen what has happened in the last five or ten years on this body. We have ceased to be a deliberative body. We've ceased to be a body which debates an issue. We are subject to outside influences beyond what I believe is reasonable and this Legislature has a tendency to respond to editorials and to rhetoric rather than to reasoned debate and research and I think that the differences in the fiscal impact of the 3-R proposal as it has been judged by the Revenue Department and by the fiscal staff ought to give us sufficient cause for alarm to understand that we mean that we may not be on as solid ground as we think we are with those numbers. Worst of all, I think that we can understand that the State of Nebraska's revenue projections are not going to be as