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sure if anything is going to work as it applies to the tax policies.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, I just want to make some comments, I guess, I'm struggling with this issue on sex...especially...sexually, especially on sales tax on services. But I realize the service is an expanding part of our economy and I think we're going to have to look at it. I'm concerned that perhaps from a state viewpoint, a State of Nebraska viewpoint, that putting the sales tax on services for this area, in other words, to go back to locals, is something that we may be, in the future, reluctant to have given up, considering that some of us are concerned about the fact that we gave sales tax to the cities several years ago and now have that avenue not available to us when we want to make some changes in that structure. But, beyond that, I visited some telecommunications on a tour this last week and I was assured of the fact that a sales tax on services would not help them at all because it would not make them competitive in the world market or especially the national economy in which they operate. My point is that that's probably true for every...for several areas of services, but I also want to make the point that that's the way I see it as in terms of the way personal property tax is on agriculture. The same point can be made. As we struggle to remain competitive in agriculture in now is, what, a world market, especially concerning the gap talks, that even an additional tax on agriculture in whatever form it may be, in this case personal property tax as advocated in another proposal, is...makes it extremely difficult for agriculture to compete in Nebraska, the same way it makes us difficult to compete within the region by a sales tax, via personal property tax or potential personal property tax. And that is what concerns me that the same issue that can be made by one industry in that it would hamper their competitiveness in the world can also be made by other industries, albeit agriculture in this case. What is more true also though is that agriculture in Nebraska is place bound and we cannot pick up and move to another section of the country or even into the world in order to remain competitive, we are place bound and must accept whatever taxes are placed upon us and must be paid. So I am torn between the fact that I think we need to expand the sales tax on services. I think that's a viable option but my concern is should we, one, give away that tax base on this point...at