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smallest of used car dealers...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...need to have huge amounts of inventory in order to have a viable operation. That same argument holds true when you compare it to the 3-R proposal and you say that what you are doing i you are going to tax a business that has the need for property that is depreciated, property that is depreciated because of a federal tax benefit, and they need that property, they need that personal property in order to operate. In order to function as a viable business, they need to have that type of equipment for production, but yet we are going to look at that as a way to tax them, but we automatically write inventory off from the very beginning for what I would argue to be the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...same reasons that we should be exempting all personal property.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I stand to support Senator Moore's amendment, getting back to the original concepts of LB 1120. I voted for the sales tax increase, not because it was my favorite option, but because we need to continue to fund LB 1120 so we can move it along and have a choice later. Again, the increase in sales tax is not my favorite option but the opponents of 1120 have forced me there right now. That is why I support Senator Moore. Expand the base, that is what we should be doing, expanding the base, not narrowing the base. If you have a lot of faith in your particular proposal, whether it is income and sales or the 3-R, let the supporters of 1120 again build the vehicle they want to use. Don't chip away at it. Don't chip away at it to make your proposal look better. Have faith in your own proposal. Let both sides build the vehicle that they want to take the State of Nebraska into the future on taxation. Then move them ahead, and on Final Reading, it won't be a crippled bill that we are voting on, it will be the bill in the best shape it can possibly be; 1120 in the best shape it can be, the 3-R in the best shape it can be, and let it stand then on its own merits. We all see it a little differently. I am sure Senator Warner, in his speech