

called him and Schmit and I accused the Omaha Chamber of writing the plan, probably similar to that, because if there's one thing...all the days I stood at the bottom of the class in a 4-H beef show, you learn how to be a good loser and you learn how to be a good winner. And I pick up the paper this morning and listen to the Governor's words and if he wants to spew out that rhetorical garbage in that corner of this building, I will stand here and spew it out on the floor too, about the little guy being saved and the process being worked and things like that. And, I guess, maybe there's no little guys in Nebraska in agriculture. Is there any of those, Governor, how about some of those? How about your plan that will impose the tax on somebody that had nothing...that had as much to do with this as anybody that has household goods or anybody that belongs to a church, or anybody that has...works for any corporation and has a...has for ConAgra, or generally like that, the farmers are no more to blame for this than anybody else. And his plan takes one segment and puts tax on those and, believe it or not, there are some little guys in agriculture. There are some farmers in agriculture that don't farm a thousand acres and have four-wheel staggered tractors and are not making whole lots of money. There are some of them that are just getting by. And for the Governor to sit there and say, the process worked, the little guy got saved, and my plan, hallelujah, it's going to work, it's the best thing for Nebraska, the best thing for the little guy. It shows how parochial his version of the little guy is. And if he wants to play that spin on things, I mean, I didn't have the votes yesterday, it's that simple. That's fine. Now we need to move on, we need to solve this problem. But both sides, you know, we have things we will disagree on, that we should disagree on very forthrightly, make our factual arguments, say why we feel that way. Well, if we're going to sit here and say that, by golly, the Legislature planned it right in the 3-R plan, it's the little guy that's finally going to be saved, I think you need to take a good, hard look at this plan and I think some little guys are going to get harmed. You've never heard me stand here and say that agriculture is going to be irreparably harmed by LB 1063. I don't think it's fair. I don't like it. I've never said that. I never said that agriculture can't afford to pay some taxes. I never said that either. But if you want to use that rhetoric, if that's what we want to get this turned into, I'm certainly willing to do that. And I certainly think the Governor needs to learn a lesson, if he's going to sit here and gloat over some victory in the Legislature and use rhetoric to gloat over, we can use rhetoric