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and I don't think those of us who are voting against 1063 today are simply going to roll over and give up. We're going to fight as hard as we can to get that plan fashioned into an area that we feel is at least fair to the people we represent. Mr. President, I would give the rest of my time to Senator Moore.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Mr. President, and members, now that I counted to ten again maybe I'll say a few more things about what was going on here and, I guess, once again it's the Governor's plan that the Governor has introduced, the little guy plan, supposedly. But even though you look at the bill, you look at the property tax statutes in the State of Nebraska that LB 1063 amends and whose...what exemptions go away? What exemptions stay there? Section 7, which is business inventory, and Section 10, which are the 775 exemptions, those are the only two real exemptions, inventory in 775, that are going to stay exempted, where 8 and 9, farm machinery, things like that, those are the things that go back on the tax rolls in a depreciated fashion and I will admit in a far superior fashion, Senator Warner, than if you just put them on ad valorem. But, you know, that's the great bill for the little guy, where, you know, some farmer...you know, the ma and pa farmer, as well as the rich one that can afford to pay it but some ma and farmer that is struggling to make it, they're the ones that pay? But this bill, is it great for the little guy, the only people that get continued exemptions are the businesses and the 775 people? I mean, come on, get off it! If that's the way you want to sell this, help the little guy, think about it. Now let's look at who's lobbying this bill. I mean, yeah, it's an easy thing to say but many people have been critical of the farm lobby. I mean, the farm lobby, individuals concerned about their bottom line, yes, concerned about...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...taxes will go up. Yes, that's a fair thing. They exercise about that, but it's private individuals that are calling up, have a great amount of concern, that's a grass roots level if I've ever seen one. Who are the people sitting here asking you to move this bill out of committee? I (inaudible) the little guy, Governor Nelson, the Omaha Chamber, the State Chamber, people like that that have great concerns, I'm not