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this issue. Yesterday, on the floor of the Legislature, there were a number of words spoken indicating that there was an interest in finding a middle ground in the property tax issue. But any efforts that I have seen to be made are being made only from one side in this issue, those of us who do not believe that LB 1063 is a fair and equitable solution to all of the various classes of taxpayers in Nebraska. Where is the offer of accord, of conciliation on the part of the other camp? A vote on the Ashford amendment or the Ashford amendment as changed by the technical amendment is an indication to me of whether the offer of compromise is merely rhetoric or whether it is offered in good faith. I am very uncomfortable with LB 1063 as presented. It results in some shifts that I find to be untenable, quite frankly, not logical, in that they relieve some portions of our economic structure of burdens and increase those burdens for others. They increase the burdens for that sector of our economy that is the most burdened by our current system of property tax support of local governmental services. If you believe that a middle ground needs to be reached, then that belief should be translated into support for this particular effort. If you believe that LB 1063 is fair, if you believe that LB 1063 is fair, then certainly your belief would be translated by opposition to the series of amendments. I find it hard to believe that the business community is supportive of LB 1063 when they have agreed that this will result in increased taxes for certain portion of the business sector. I may be a little slow but I learned a long time ago, when you went out to the brooder shed and smelled skunk, you knew that your baby chicks were in danger. A lot has been said about odor. Folks, LB 1063 smells a whole lot like civet cat. If you are interested in compromise, if you are interested in finding a fair and equitable solution, let's see some evidence of it this morning. If you wish to impact an already staggering section of our economy, the family farmers, go with LB 1063. Otherwise, show us, show us that you are willing to compromise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Before we proceed to the next speakers, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. First of all, I have two students who are guests of Senator Doug Kristensen. They are Rachel Bertrand from Minden and Berit Godskesen from Denmark, an exchange student. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the