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LB 1063, 1120

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we will see, maybe in the press, although I don't know, the dangers that are associated with allowing a Legislature to be indiscriminate in the way they levy taxes. We have been sited time after time about the terrible system in Minnesota. We have taken several of the major steps in that direction here in Nebraska, and we are about to take another, and I think it's wrong. I think we should stick with 1120. If we have to pay the taxes on personal property, fine, let's do it. If you've got the votes to do it, let's do it, but let's not remove that equal and proportionate clause and further discriminate against a small portion, less than one-third of the personal property taxpayers who will have to pay the tax.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson, you're next.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, I, too, at this point would like to see LB 1120 not indefinitely postponed. Until we have the entire tax picture in front of us I don't think it would be wise. The only thing I feel really bad about this whole thing is this would have been, and had we had time, and had we not had the gun to our hands, to have addressed our whole tax system, that is our tax rates, the various possibilities. We did not talk about service to any extent. We had a few little things the other day we did not talk about, the professional person and the ones of us that continually do pay for that education, sometimes year after year. And there were so many things. We didn't talk about consolidation of counties, we didn't talk about the consolidation of schools, and that's one thing that I feel bad about it. I doubt that we will address these issues for some time to come, if LB 1063 works out satisfactorily. But at this point I would hate to see LB 1120 postponed today. Thanks.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Call the question.

SPEAKER BAACK: That won't be necessary, yours is the last light on. Senator Hall, would you like to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to indefinitely postpone the bill, and I'll explain why. I've always said there should have been one bill out here on the