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uniformity clause, takes personal property out from underneath the uniformity clause. And this body, last night, made it very clear it does not want to have uniformity in any way, shape, or form, in my opinion, under personal property. And also it says very clearly you may exempt inventory. That simply is what we want to do. I think if that's what the body really wants to do, this is the amendment that allows you to do that. Now, I just do not understand why you want to codify, in the Constitution, LB 1063 in the way that the Warner amendment and the amendment as it now stands does. I mean, you may need to start having double volumes of the Constitution if that's the direction you want to go. I just don't think that's wise for this body to do. If your intention is to separate real and personal, which I have always supported and I will continue to support, and if your intention is to make it very clear that you can't exempt inventory and still tax other forms of personal property, this amendment does it. It's that simple. And it's an amendment that Joe Six-Pack can understand, as opposed to the amendment in its present form, which has language in there which I think is very suspect as to why it's there. It has language in there that we...I mean if there's one thing we've learned it's that any sentence in the Constitution can come back to haunt us. I think you want to try to keep it as simple and plain as possible. And, for that reason, I think Senator Hall's amendment accomplishes what I...what the body has at least thus far made it clear is what they want to do, separate real, allow you to exempt all inventory. If that's what you want to do, the Hall amendment is a much clearer way of doing that, much more understandable way of doing that. The people in the State of Nebraska who want to follow what's going on and not be suspect as to what actually may occur, what exactly the intention is, is one thing. Two, what will all this language mean not in 1992 but in 2092 as well because we're putting it in the Constitution. I think a simple, straightforward approach as far as the period and the cumbersome albatross, which is now the amendment as it now stands. With that, I rise to encourage the body to support Senator Hall's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Do you have an announcement, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Kristensen would like to have Transportation meet at ten o'clock in Room 2022. Transportation, Room 2022 at ten o'clock.