

seems to be collecting votes in his campaign for president talking about that. So there is a certain simplicity to it, but that's not...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...the issue here. Again, 775 is, I think, outside the four corners of MARCO. We need to center on what the issues are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Horgan, you're next.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, too, would rise in opposition to Senator Moore's amendment dealing with LB 775 exemptions and I think it's difficult to bring out points that Senator Will and Senator Warner and Senator Ashford have not already brought out, but I think there are a couple of things that I'll try and be brief that we need to remember and that one of those is in LB 1063 the business community, not the ag community, but the business community is picking up an estimated 29, \$30 million in additional new taxes. So the business community is not getting away with a free ride in this proposal at all. The argument that we need to have fairness, I think Senator Will pointed it out very well, fairness is not the issue on the personal property. We don't have it now with...as others have pointed out, 80 percent of ag land property is valued differently than urban property. We don't have it now when we have sales taxes exempt on electricity and other fuels used in farming, sales tax exemptions for feed and seed and ag chemicals and fertilizers and we don't have it in 775. And I wasn't here to support 775 but, like Senator Ashford, I think we ought to expand 775 when you see the results that it has created, when you see the growth that has resulted in Nebraska. And if we can do that for the agricultural community, I think we ought to do that too. And I'm a little bit confused because it seems to me that what we're arguing about here this whole session is we've got to have a constitutional amendment so that we can provide exemptions, so we can "incent" people to do business in Nebraska, so that we can encourage them to create jobs, so we can encourage them to bring production to Nebraska, so that we can do exports out of Nebraska. LB 775 has done that and it should be an example and a model of what we ought to be doing and what we ought to go to the people of Nebraska and say