

we need a constitutional amendment so we can continue to do the things that 775 has done, which has brought jobs to Nebraska, which has allowed us to build new industries and have a construction industry that is fairly stable and to build new houses in our communities and to bring new people into our state and to add to the population of Nebraska. One of our biggest problems is Nebraska is too small populationwise, there's too few of us paying taxes and if we can do anything to encourage people to bring plants and facilities and industry to this state with more jobs and more people to pay taxes, the burden will go down and if we continue to beat at the things that we have done that have been right, as in LB 775, we only hurt ourselves. We're beating ourselves up and we're only creating an environment that will not allow us to attract new jobs to this state and to do so is bad public policy. We need to encourage people to support the constitutional amendment for the very fact that under the constitutional amendment we can do things like 775. We can encourage new growth in the State of Nebraska and without that ability to do that which every other state in the nation has the ability to do, we're going to be lost. We won't be out there competing for new industries. We won't be out there on the cutting edge of new technologies because we won't be able to "incent" people to come here and to do business here. That's why we need the constitutional amendment. That's why we have to be competitive with other states because that's the way the game is played and Nebraska better be a player in that game or we're going to end up finding ourselves at the end of the line and there won't be much left for us. So I would encourage the body to oppose Senator Moore's amendment and to continue on to...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...the point where we can pass the constitutional amendment and go out to the people and tell them that it's the right thing to do and the proper thing to do and the thing that's going to ensure success for this generation and generations of Nebraskans to come. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I'd like to ask Senator Moore a question if he would, please.