

would be much simpler just to take off all personal property tax than it is trying to piecemeal things together. Once somebody will challenge LB 775 and they will if we don't do anything because that also is very unconstitutional, they will find out that it isn't just the MAPCO case, it's going to be LB 775, household goods, probably intangibles. They all need to be challenged some time. So if we take off everything it's a much fairer way to go. I think the Moore amendment is an attempt to just bring to the voters' attention how unfair our tax system is in Nebraska. He's not saying that we're going to strip the whole 775. He's just saying that it's very unfair. I think this amendment...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...needs to be considered very seriously because it's an amendment that points out how unfair our tax system is. So I really support the Moore amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wehrbein, you're next. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. We will now vote on ceasing debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 13 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate does not cease. The next speaker is Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow colleagues. You know, we find ourselves in a very interesting situation here, at least I do representing the 30th Legislative District. I have about a balance, half and half, ag and residential and business in my district. And, you know, I've felt a tremendous obligation to those people that I represent that are family farmers. I believe in the way of life of the family farm. Consistently over two weeks I voted to repeal all tax on personal property. I voted to replace that with a sales tax. I then next voted to exempt all tax on personal property, or place it with a sales and an income tax. I voted to exempt the breeding livestock from taxation. I then voted, in 1063, to exempt the sales tax on farm machinery, all of those votes in support of ag interests. I then came to the point, on 1063, is