

are we going to drive over the cliff, are you going to, at this point, say, hey, listen, you represent an awful lot of people in this district, are you going to do it with fairness or not. You know, I think what we're talking about here in my district this is about 775. My good friend, Senator Moore, and I have had this conversation privately several times. My esteemed colleague, Senator Schellpeper, who I respect tremendously, we're talking here about taking the only thing in our state that isn't broken right now and trying to break it. We're trying to fix a tax system which has been broken. Whose fault is that? I respect the people that have voted in this body prior to us for many years, that have made exemptions based on good arguments, based on logical, logical thinking. But we've come to the point where the court has told us you have to make some changes. And we have to accept making those changes, because the system is broken according to the court. Does that mean then that I take LB 775, for which I was not here to vote or to support, I take it and start breaking it, a little piece at a time, whether it be with Senator Moore's amendment, or whether it be with any other amendments that would come forward on that bill. I just don't see any sense in taking the one thing that's not broken and breaking it. Look, and we are going to talk about 775. And it's interesting, I pulled out some articles, some editorials that had been written in a variety of newspapers over the past several years relative to 775. Nebraska ranked first in expansion. Nebraska ranks number one in job growth. Here's the Wall Street Journal, Nebraska enjoys thriving crop of small businesses. Nebraska job growth ranks first in the nation. Job growth in Omaha leads U.S. Jobs mark income rise in Nebraska. And I hear that all the time, well these are minimum wage jobs. Tell you what, these 775 jobs, if you look at them, pay 39 percent more than the average job in the State of Nebraska. Nebraska's job growth leads the nation, again. So, what are we going to do? So that it makes us feel better, because we've got one system that's broken, we're going to go out and break another one on the basis of principle. And are we sure in doing this that we're not going to...going to further drive a wedge, further widen that chasm between the interests that are going to truly arrive at an equitable tax system? I challenge that, and I just don't think that's correct. I think we're going in all the wrong directions. In my legislative district 775 has...

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SENATOR BYARS: ...attracted almost \$100 million in new