

to look at all the avenues and look at all the funding mechanisms and I think it's viable for us to consider the fact that the constitutional amendment, with this kind of a source of funding available, which does not tax any of our people would be more viable. So I just hope that we can at least buy this amendment that I have introduced, give some thought to the fact that our constituents are crying for help. They're crying for us to do something to cut spending and we have got ourselves in a situation in rural Nebraska anyway, and I think the same thing down here, where you have a fixed tax base and yet we have increasing demands for the taxes that are at that tax base. We can't...we can't change that. Our tax base is there and we're fixed. With that, I would like to thank you for your attention on this issue this afternoon and I would respectfully ask that the amendment be withdrawn, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The amendment is withdrawn. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Schrock are his parents, Sam and Eileen Schrock and his son, Ted. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Schmit. Senator, I have AM3318 in front of me.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Madam President. Amendment 3318 is another amendment drafted to consider livestock inventory. And, contrary to what someone may think or say, I do believe that a lot of this category of livestock can also be considered inventory and this category of livestock are sheep. And, ladies and gentlemen, I think that it was a good experience for us to go through the Senator Dierks amendment. I wish he hadn't been quite so quick to withdraw it because I think it probably will ring more bells and light more lights across the city and the state than most of the things we do during the course of a legislative session. The reason that I feel very strongly about this is because if this kind of thing were looked at seriously, we would not necessarily be needing to worry about where to get the revenue to go back to local governments, the same thing at one entity as another. I also received a phone call from a constituent recently who told me about...I think I told you