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LB 1063
LR 219

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members of the body, ladies and gentlemen of the lobby, if you're listening up, obviously, the conversation today is does LR 219 have 40 votes or not tomorrow? It's a question many people have wondered why I've lost so much weight. One of the reasons I've lost so much weight in the last two weeks is I've been seriously having trouble sleeping about I don't know what to do, because I don't like LR 219. I don't like LB 1063. I don't think it fairly lays out to the voters what their options are. I don't want to vote for it. I know, as a private person, I'm not going to vote for it and encourage people not to. At the same time, I have said time and time again I believe this Legislature, all eyes are on us to do something on the personal property tax issue and to let it go is something I'm not totally comfortable with. I seriously do believe people should have the opportunity in May to make a decision on the personal property tax issue. I want them to do that. But I also think they should have legitimately laid out before them the options that are available to them. And 3419 is one of those last, best efforts we talked about earlier in this body about trying to make it sure, at least from some people's point of view, they can vote for LR 219 so the voters of the State of Nebraska can have before them in May a ballot issue that allows them to lay this issue to rest one way or the other. This amendment, quite simply, puts an alternative on the ballot; the first one changing "may" exempt all personal property to "shall" exempt all personal property; the second one being LR 219, in its present form, or whatever form you want to have it in. Two ballot issues, two for or against. I don't care which is first or second but it let's people...lays out saying they can vote for one or the other, whichever one...whichever one wins, that's the one...that's the policy of the State of Nebraska. If both of them would lose, the policy is MAPCO. That's the decision they have. Obviously, there's a chance that they'd both get passed. I don't think that could happen or would happen, then you have a problem. But, obviously, I don't think the people are going to be that foolish to vote for both of them. They have a legitimate chance to solve the problem, allow the voters of the State of Nebraska the opportunity to see all of the options before them, because I think LR 219 and this whole process in its present form has not allowed all the options to be on the table. Some, because the court says it won't let it; others because they simply don't want it to have