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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President, and members, last night I was watching the TV, I think it was Channel 7, and they had the Lancaster County Assessor on and he was talking about that the taxes in Lancaster County were going to go up about \$10 million and that they was going to have to be probably picked up by the homeowners and the people that own real estate in Lancaster County. And then this morning you get the Lincoln paper and you see that they're going to go down according to the Revenue Department. How do you expect the voters of Nebraska to know what to vote on if you're going to get two different stories? You're going to get a story from the Revenue Department that it's going to be great, they're going to go down, and yet the county officials that know what's out there say they're going to go up. Is it any wonder that the people in Nebraska are confused? They're getting different stories from different people. I think the Revenue Department is probably a little high on one side and maybe the county officials a little bit the other way. But the voters of Nebraska are the ones that are going to have to approve this CA and I don't see how they're going to make a good judgment when they don't even know, because we don't know. And I think the Revenue Department is at fault by putting out these figures that show that they will go down. In my area, I don't think that business equipment and the farm equipment is out there to really put that much back onto the tax rolls. And I think that's going to be the same in almost every district in Nebraska. So if we want the CA to pass or if the people that really support it want it to pass, they are going to have to get better figures than what we have right now. You can't let the voters out there without knowing what is going to happen to their tax system. I think it's very unfair to them that we pass LB 1063 because they don't know what's going to happen, we don't know what's going to happen. We just think we know what's going to happen. I'm going to be opposing the suspending the rule because I think we need to find some other solution. It's probably already too late. But I just think the voters deserve better. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, just to quickly respond. I understand the numbers that the Lancaster County Assessor used. They simply went back and took what was...existed in personal property several years ago with no recognition of what changes have occurred in personal