

25 votes for something else. And I think it's irresponsible for the Legislature not to put something down here for the people to vote upon in May. There's a seed corn company up at Hooper, Nebraska that I do business with. At a very minimum, they have \$10 million worth of seed inventory on January 1. And, Senator Johnson, you've got several seed companies in your district, and I know Tim Chapman of Superior Hybrids, and I don't think he wants to pay taxes on every sack of seed corn he has on inventory. There's a lot of fed cattle in my district, and Dawson County is the second largest cattle feeding county in the state, Phelps County is the third largest cattle feeding county in the state. It may not happen overnight, but if you think...if you think Initiative 300 caused a few feedlots to be built on the borders, you haven't seen the start of it yet, if we don't fix this problem. And Senator Conway, he doesn't like...he doesn't like the fertilizer tax too well. I don't blame him, I don't like the fertilizer tax. I don't like the energy tax, and I don't like sales tax on machinery, when my neighbors go to Kansas to buy their tractors. But I'm telling you, if we don't do something, it's chaos out there. It's not good for me, it's not good for the wage earner, because eventually business will leave Nebraska and then the wage earner won't even have a job. So, I don't pretend to change many votes here...any votes here today, because there's a lot of people here with more experience than I have, Senator Lamb, Senator Hefner, I think, have been here, their 16th year. And if they can't change people's minds, neither can I. But I ask you to think about what you're doing out there. As far as what your fertilizer dealers and customers calling in, the best time to fill your tanks up on fertilizer is in November and December, when the price is low. You can get the best buy on fertilizer in November and December. And what do you do? You put it in your storage tanks and wait for farmers to buy it in the spring. But who pays taxes on it January 1? Sure, the fertilizer dealer does, but he's going to pass that on to his farmer customer. I was really surprised this morning. I thought some of you would come around when the time came. I drug my feet, I came scratching and clawing. And I suppose if I was in Senator Withem's shoes, or Senator Landis' shoes I'd think I gave Senator Schrock a good deal. Doesn't seem that way to me, but they played hardball. And I don't know who's the best poker player here, but this isn't a gambling game, this is real life and the State of Nebraska is at stake. And I urge you to reconsider and let's pass LR 219 and get on with the business of the State of Nebraska so our schools can pass bond issues, so