

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...very appealing. For those who are from the more agricultural sectors of the state, obviously a potential increase of 19 percent does not appeal at all, and in between, you have the commercial impacts across Nebraska...scattered across Nebraska. These figures, I think, are dynamic, dramatic, and important to keep in mind, and clearly there will be a difference of opinion, depending on which district you represent. That doesn't mean that we can't come together and find some common ground and find a solution to this issue. One of the things I would indicate also is I have another handout, that I'll be passing out later, that shows that the...that when you get into these categories that there is definitely predominance among the different states that tax business equipment, but less likely to tax business inventory, livestock, farm machinery, and ag and grain products. So we have a problem here. We have many states that we are similar in terms of tax policy as our state, but you also have pressures on homeowners that are exorbitant in terms of property tax and desire to see those reduced. And how to balance those out will be difficult, and one way I see at this point is to have further discussion, negotiation from both an urban and rural viewpoint, one which encompasses the whole spectrum of the state and the tax policy issues that we...

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SENATOR WESELY: ...need to address, and not limit ourselves to focusing in on the minute but, in fact, understanding that there is a context in which we are discussing this issue, and we need to bring into the debate that broader context, and that is what I hope to do by giving you this information.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Lynch. I do not see Senator Lynch. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I, too, stand in opposition to the advancement of LCA as proposed for several of the reasons that Senator Wesely has mentioned. I might add a couple of more comments. I also initially voted for the constitutional amendment that was proposed and for the reasons primarily given to you by Senator Wesely, that being that the Supreme Court of our state had really given us a message which said that if we don't value or tax personal