

know what they will do. Those people that sell cattle have no control over the price that they are going to receive. They can't pass it on. The domino effect of losing those types of businesses, the grain that is bought, the hay that is bought, all those kinds of things would be disastrous to this state's economy. And anything that is going to put back livestock or business inventories into the tax rolls in this state would be just as disastrous to Omaha and Lincoln as it is to the rural part of this state. And because of that, we have to do some things here to try to adjust to the way things are in this United States and not what some individuals here would like to see just from their own personal little outlooks for their personal districts. We have to do what is the best for this state. I'd hope that we would advance this constitutional amendment, do what we need to make it the best that we possibly can, and proceed toward modernizing our tax system and getting away from our dependence on this property tax that is unfair, obsolete, archaic, and unjust.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robak, you are next.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I wouldn't mind having a gavel or two because I think we are losing the drift of everything here.

SPEAKER BAACK: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ROBAK: Well, first of all, I can't believe the animosity that we have here on this floor between urban and rural. I just simply can't believe the animosity that I am hearing. It just almost seems like a game. I mean, if you ride the white horse and we ride the black horse, or vice versa, it is like a cops and robbers movie, and a bunch of kids playing a little game, the good people and the bad people. I hate to see that happen to our state. We all have homeowners, we all have homeowners in our district. We all want to protect our homeowners just as well as the other one, but I do support the LR 1. I do support that without the committee amendments. Somebody has said that we should sit down and talk this over. Well, we have sat down and talked it over. We talked it over for 90 days, and we talked it over last week, and now we are talking it over again, and we will talk it over until the cows home, but we will never agree with urban and rural, we will never agree. I agree, I don't like to pay high property taxes either. My daughter was just here from Illinois, went back just