

at all of this. What is going to happen to our implement dealers? What is going to happen to our car dealers when they have to pay a tax on inventory? I think if we don't pass LR 1, I think it could be devastating to our economy here in Nebraska. I would urge you to carefully consider the committee amendment and advancing LR 1.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Lynch, you are next.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I was going to stay silent, but I guess I had better mention a couple of things, since everybody else is. It seems like everything we are talking about we suppose might be true. Right now I am not sure what I am going to do because everything we've talked about so far really doesn't specifically identify anything. The most important thing we could do is to let taxpayers know what kind of tax they would pay if, in fact, the county assessors, who have the authority to put back on the rolls omitted and undervalued property, what the taxes would be that they would pay next year. That'd be interesting, wouldn't it? How can we expect people in Nebraska to vote on anything if we are not sure ourselves? Does anybody here on the floor know what would happen to the tax they pay on their farm, on their house, on their property, as a result of the Supreme Court decision? I don't think so. So all we are doing, really, is trying to protect the status quo until we can find a way to do it, irregardless of whether the court says we have to be fair and we have to be uniform. Just think about that really doesn't make us look very well. You know, a senator on the floor mentioned about being fair. All those years we were using tractors to move dirt in the plumbing business, we were paying tax on them, the special tax for equipment to make drainage ditches for farmers. Special tax exemption for any equipment you have, you don't pay. Nobody really worried about being fair or uniform then. God bless the courts, they did. And we shouldn't be allowing people to vote on any kind of an amendment which destroys those checks and balances. Imagine what would happen at the federal level if somebody said, well, we don't like what the Supreme Court is doing now with abortion or we don't like what the Supreme Court did with other issues of importance, like death penalty, or whatever else it might be, so let's just get rid of them. In this case, we are talking about a tax issue. It would be, in my opinion, disastrous for us to fool around with the checks and balances that are so important in this