

it, by the way.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. But I definitely think we need livestock in there and I think we need to make it perfectly clear if we're going to put, like you say, business inventory, feed fertilizer and farm inventory, I think we need to include livestock, because right now the dairy industry is having a tremendous problem. In fact, some of them are going to go under and that's because the wholesale milk prices have dropped 50 percent. And we have a lot of dairy herds in Nebraska and it adds a lot to the economy of our state. But getting back to LR 1, I definitely think that we need to pass it. And I think that we all need to work together and by working together I mean the urban and rural interest. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce did a study right after I was elected and this was about 13, 14 years ago, but in this study it showed how much agriculture added to the economy of Omaha, our largest city in the state. And I just want to call this to some of you senators that are from Omaha that we all need to work together and I know that the rural senators from time to time certainly try to help the urban interest in this body. There is one other thing that I'm concerned about, I mean, we talk about fair tax policy and that's the items that I purchase in Lincoln, Nebraska...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...while I'm down here in the session and that's the city sales tax. And I don't know how many purchases I made last month, I think there was a little over \$500 here in Lincoln and I paid the 1.5 percent sales tax. And maybe I did get enough police protection. Maybe I did get enough other fire protection and like that but we rural senators are helping the urban areas when we pay that city sales tax. But I think, in the end here, we need to become less reliant on property taxes and we did that last year or two years ago when we passed LB 1059 and I think that we need to continue doing that. I know Senator Lamb is interested in taking away the property tax support for community tech colleges. I think this is probably the right step in the right direction. But I don't think we're ever going to have...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...a perfect tax system. I feel that putting