

Kansas for whatever their public policy reasons are to define, and they submitted that to the people of the State of Kansas. The people of the State of Kansas voted for that. I'm not suggesting necessarily that that's the way we ought to do it here though I do have an amendment up that taxes all tangible personal property at 50 percent, puts it back on the rolls and taxes it 50 percent which is another way of dealing with the 50 percent number that this amendment does. But I really...I really believe so very strongly that the vote on this amendment is really a vote, as Senator Landis...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...puts it, it's a vote on philosophy. It's not so much a vote on the inventory tax though certainly it is specifically a vote on that, but it's a vote on philosophy, it's can the Legislature deal with the information that it gets, come up with a comprehensive plan and submit it to the people. That's our job. It isn't our job to submit them nothing. That isn't our job. And I think we would be walking out of here shaking our heads and the people would be shaking their heads at us if we did that. I really...in all due respect to Governor Nelson, and I know he's tried, he's put plans before us, but he's, in a sense, created this disunity. He's created this disunity by putting together a plan that divides us. It's our job as legislators to do something about this as legislators. And I think the Governor, hopefully, the Governor will get involved in that process as we go along.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: So I certainly hope that we adopt the Beutler amendment and if not that, something else, but that we come out of here with something that makes sense for all common sense Nebraskans of which there are many. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body, and thank you, Senator Ashford. I'm sick and tired of hearing this rural-urban thing too, although I thought that was a little pot shot at the Governor that he...I really believe he has been trying his best. I think that he...the Revenue Committee is not working with him though. I was going to call the question. (Laughter.) I was going to call the question but since Senator