

Lynch called me a liar I had to respond in that. I feel that I must respond. My children do live...my daughter and her husband do pay \$10,000 a year in personal...in property taxes on their home. They happen to live in Wheaton which is in Dupage County which is the highest...which pay the highest property taxes in the State of Illinois. I have been in many homes in Columbus, Nebraska and many homes in Lincoln, not too many in Omaha, and I know their house is comparable to what we would pay about \$3,000 here. If Senator Lynch would like to go with me sometimes to Wheaton, Illinois in Dupage County, I would be glad to take him along and give him a tour of my daughter's house because they do pay \$10,000 in taxes. And as far as other states that have these low personal...low, excuse me, real estate taxes, they pay such low property taxes on their homes, what do they have to pay for their homes? What is the cost of their home? It certainly is much, much more than we pay here in Nebraska, so that 80 percent of the people in the United States, 80 percent of the people are not going to be able to ever afford a home; 80 percent, ladies and gentlemen, will never afford a home. What difference does it make what the personal property...what their, excuse me, their real estate property taxes are because they can't afford a home anyway. Just a certain select few budget people are ever going to be able to afford a home, and it isn't because of the taxes. It is because of what the houses cost and the cost of living, and what they make per hour. Minimum wage, even two people working can't afford to buy a home, and I wish the Revenue Committee would work with the Governor on this because I think we couldn't pass a constitutional amendment. What are we afraid of? Let's put it up to the voters. Let's let the voters decide and let the Legislature pass whatever exemptions or whatever we...let's tax everything then if we do that. Let the voters decide. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Warner, you are next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm...I don't have any objection to Senator Beutler's amendment, if I knew where I was going to stop with the next one. The reason for what I liked initially what was done was for the simple issue of separating clearly the uniformity and proportionate clause from real personal property. There is no doubt in my mind that if it is permissive that inventory is going to come off. As to its impact, we can argue that. I