

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam President and members. I was going to call the question until I heard Senator Hefner's speech. And I just want to say he's wrong, wrong, wrong. First time he's been wrong in the 15 years we've been sitting in these two chairs. It's not going to work the way he says. It's not going to work the way he says. What it's going to mean is that we're going to have...we've not...we've going to have exemptions for the big, powerful interests, agriculture is not going to have the exemptions that I and a lot of other people really think it deserves. And why does it deserve some of those exemptions? Why does it? It's been the policy that's developed over the years in this body that some exemptions are deserved. Other states have these exemptions. We're going to be different, but we're not going to be able to get them, if we've got to have 30 votes, it's as simple as that. When Elroy and I came in here there was a majority of ag people, but that has changed now. Somebody said all these exemptions have been passed by huge majorities, you know, more than 25, more than 30. And that's true. But times are changing, and you all know, you've seen the dynamics change in this body. This body is no longer a rural dominated body. We are the minority. And we have a...sometimes we have common interest with business. But when it gets right down to the nitty-gritty, we're not going to have that, we're not going to have that when we really need it because it will be splintered up. We'll have a vote on inventories, then we'll have another vote on farm exemptions, and the inventory exemption will get the 30 votes, the farm exemptions will not get the 30 votes, and that's absolutely what's going to happen.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President and members. I have several problems with the constitutional amendment, many of them I have mentioned before, and I don't want to belabor them again. But I do want to respond to a couple of points. First of all, I'm not...and maybe there will be an amendment to deal with the problem that I talked about earlier, and that was what happens on January 1, 1992 to clarify that it is not just business equipment that goes on the tax rolls, but also all other items of personal property. But I will wait to hear about that, and hopefully there will be an amendment to that fact. My problem and where I'm probably going to come down on this whole issue is just what Senator Kristensen said, but somewhat in reverse. I think that people do have to make the decision in