

Senator Lamb's concern that we won't be able to get the 30. Well, I don't think I am convinced without the constitutional amendment that it doesn't matter if we get 100, we can't get the needed exemptions. Needed exemption, in my case, bottom line, inventory. Now that might benefit a large corporation in Lincoln or Omaha or wherever, international corporation, but I can't help it, because of the uniformity clause and the equal protection clause, we have got to do that. But my towns in my district are all within driving distance of Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City or St. Joe. My business people are directly in direct competition with large corporations in those cities that can and do maintain large inventories and they will maintain those large inventories I think, even if the tax is on. But my folks might not be able to do it. And Senator Ashford wants us to just wait and see for 18 months. Pawnee City in southeast Nebraska, down in that area, we might not be able to afford to wait 18 months. Some will, some won't, but I don't know who, and I don't know how many. Look at my brother's gas station as an example, a radial tractor tire costs around \$600. You wonder why a farmer doesn't pull off in front of you on a highway, because to repair that tire costs 60 to 70 to 80 bucks. To get a new tire costs 600 bucks. Why doesn't that farmer pull off where the bottles and the cans are out of my way so I can get going? Now how many of those will he be able to afford to keep on hand? Maybe the same amount, maybe half, and then look at the people in Lincoln and Omaha and what they are buying that same tire for. Maybe they are selling it for just a little over what he buys it for because they are buying in quantity and they are a large corporation. So how many times are they going to go to my brother's station and attempt to buy a tire that he doesn't have an inventory before they quit even stopping and going straight to Lincoln, or in Falls City, they will go straight to St. Joe or Kansas City. Auburn, they will go to Omaha. How many times will that happen? I don't know and I am concerned about it. So inventory is my bottom line and I think I have to have the ability to exempt that. Now if I could, I would exempt it only for small businesses, and you all know that, but I don't think I can do that, and I do want to provide relief to the homeowners because I feel their burden is way too heavy. But we are not going to do it strictly with property taxes. We have got to look at everything. We have got to look all across the board, expand the base to everything, as people have said, intangibles. Look at income, more progressive on your income. We have got to look at everything. We are not just going to do it on the back of property tax, and I will