

that have been totally agriculture in nature. We gave I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of dollars, all went to a community college, when Western Community College had no money went in eastern at all, and he says that is fine because it is needed. I have seen agricultural interests vote for things that have been totally interested in the east because it is the right thing to do. And this fear that is in this body that we, as senators, are simply going to protect urban versus rural, I have not seen that. I have seen rural and urban people working together for common interests. I have seen Nebraskans at some point voting overwhelmingly for agricultural interests, and in the long run, 30 votes is going to take both ag interest and...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...urban interest to get 30 votes, and together if we want to make exemptions, we will, but we will make it as a body making policy, not at the mercy of a court mandating. This is our chance here. And, oh, by the way, I do oppose the Chambers amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Horgan, do you wish to speak to the Chambers amendment?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes. Thank you, Madam President and members. I would rise in opposition to the Chambers amendment and in support of the Lindsay amendment. I think we need to sit back and think a little bit about all this bashing we do to the term "exemptions". Exemptions are nothing more than incentives, incentives for business to do business in Nebraska. Fifty states in this nation, they all provide incentives. They all provide exemptions. They all encourage businesses to come to their state and do what? Employ people. Now I am as concerned about the property owner as anybody else in this Chamber. But I am also concerned about the guy or the gal who goes to work everyday and makes a salary and goes home and makes a mortgage payment every month. And you make your mortgage payment because you have a job, and you have a job because businesses are willing to come to this state and provide them. And businesses are willing to come to Nebraska, and Nebraska has been very fortunate over the past few years because there has been those incentives there, those exemptions there, to encourage economic growth and development. We seem to love to bash ConAgra and all the other large corporations in this state. Nebraska needs a hundred more ConAgras, a hundred more Union Pacifics, a hundred