

more Mutuals of Omaha, a hundred more banks. We need more and more and more businesses. We need more and more people. We need more and more jobs, and we need people who can afford to go out and buy a home and pay taxes. And we are not going to be able to do that if we go away from here and not have...and not offer the people the opportunity to vote on providing incentives, read that exemptions. And I don't understand the fear of passing this resolution when what is going to happen is on September 17th the people are going to say what they want us to do. The people are going to say on September 17th, we think it is important to have jobs. We think it is important to have businesses here. We think it is important to encourage people to stay in Nebraska. Or they are going to say, no, that is not so important to us; we are more concerned about our property taxes; we are less concerned about our ability to have jobs and the ability of our children to have jobs. I think it makes sense to pass the Lindsay amendment, if that is what it takes to get 40 votes. It makes sense to pass the constitutional amendment and to let the people decide what they want us to do. We have provided in this state exemptions over the last 20 years, and senator after senator has gotten up and talked about how terrible that is. Well, what has it brought us? It has brought us prosperity. It has brought us jobs. It has brought us redevelopment. I don't think that's bad. I don't think the citizens of this state think that is bad. I think they are encouraged by that. Every other state around us is providing exemptions and incentives. If we put all these property taxes back on, we are going to be the only state. We are going to be a white spot where there are no incentives to come to Nebraska, and you are going to see chaos because you are going to see people leave this state. You are going to see fewer and fewer jobs created. You are going to see fewer and fewer businesses thinking about coming here, and we'd better stop messing around with these incentives. Every time we offer them and then the next year we come back and try and take them away and jerk them around. If businesses, it is tough out there, there is lots of opportunities to go lots of places to find fine places to do business, and to hire people to go to work for you. It makes sense to allow the people to decide.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: It makes sense to allow the 3-R Committee to come up with some long-term solutions, and it makes sense for us to sit back and allow this crisis situation to somewhat pass by,