

and for us to move on as a state. I think it only is reasonable and is the best thing for the people of the State of Nebraska. It is the best thing this Legislature can do, and I think we ought to get on with the business and allow the people to say what type of state and economy they want to live in. So I encourage us to defeat the Chambers amendment, support the Lindsay amendment and support the resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Schmit, do you wish to address the Chambers amendment? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise in opposition to Senator Chambers amendment but not for any of the reasons anybody else has said. I think it may make the amendment probably good enough that folks like Senator Wesely, who feel that they need this in order to justify their vote, will then support the amendment, and it will have to be locked in to supporting LR 1. The fact of the matter is that everybody has said it, and they have said it doesn't matter if it is 30 or 25. That is not the issue here, ladies and gentlemen. All you have to do is go back as others have and look at the history. Outside of a couple of instances, maybe only one, every exemption has flown through here with 30 votes, at least according to Senator Warner who I wouldn't argue with. And, frankly, it is not going to be an issue. We are arguing over nothing. It is posturing more than anything. If you want to support it, support it. Don't argue about five votes that aren't even an issue. It does not give anything to those individuals who think the tax system ought to be reviewed. And when asked what do I want? What I want is the ability to look at the entire tax system and, frankly, I don't know where everybody was about I guess two months ago now, or even a month, well, two months ago, six weeks, when we were debating 829 and the funding formula that had to go into that. And I heard somebody say something about, I don't know, I haven't seen this urban-rural split issue, well, all you have to do is remember back to how we tried to fund 829 and the issue of depreciation surcharge and how it was going to affect certain entities and whether there should be sales tax on utilities, and should farmers be in or farmers be out, agricultural interest be in or agricultural interest be out. Then go back to the late sixties when sales and income tax got put into place. What caused that to happen? A personal property tax crisis. Real property was never much of an issue. It was an issue but the way it was an issue was that we are going to give it to the locals as a