

people individually and collectively. I will rise to oppose this amendment. We talk about, and I've heard an awful lot of talk about the ag coalition, the business, the homeowners, one versus the other. I'd like to quote a few statistics that come from Scotts Bluff County. There are 280,000 head of cattle in Scotts Bluff County, there's 1,100 businesses in Scottsbluff and Gering, 25 of those businesses have at least a million dollar inventory or more. There is also 9,869 homeowners in Scotts Bluff County. I don't know of any place that represents more of an even distribution of what needs a good, solid tax policy that addresses the needs that is there in Scotts Bluff County. In 1989, this body met for a special session and passed special tax legislation that was later found unconstitutional. We have good reason to believe that what we've done so far in this session will be found unconstitutional. I think it's time we created and took the first step to create a good tax policy that addresses the issues of ag, of business, and I consider them both a business, and homeowners. And the first step to do that is to address LR 1CA here that we have before us. And I think we need to get on with it, pass it, let the 3-R Committee get together, do their work, and come back in 1992, our next session, and get down to work. Scotts Bluff County represents what I believe are the interests of all the State of Nebraska, and we would like to see a good tax policy that addresses the needs, and to only address the needs for a tax policy, we need to pass this constitutional amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. In a nutshell, the amendment's a deal-breaker. If you vote for the amendment, you might as well vote for the sine die, because that's what we're doing. I haven't heard of any other compromises coming up, maybe they're there, I haven't heard of them. So that gets us back to the question of what happens if we don't do something. Senator Lamb and Senator Hall agree that we shouldn't do anything, they agree that everything should be taxed next year. And as I've said, as I've maintained continually, that is a legitimate position. And if that's your belief on tax policy, that is certainly a legitimate position. But to vote for this...but to vote for this amendment, you are accepting that position, and I think you should make that clear. If not, then we should hear what the other ideas are. We've been hearing shouts about...from different sides, whether it be from the Governor's office, whether it be from here directed