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**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Kristensen, Peterson, Pirsch and Robak. Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes, Madam President, members. I will be brief. I voted to return, I am not going to vote to put the amendment on. I've suffered through this several times about the 30 votes. And in the spirit of compromise, earlier on I did vote to put the 30 votes on, and I will continue to do that, even in spite of the fact that deep down it's deep against what I want to do and locking it into the Constitution. But I will, and I just hope that others will consider, as we move along, that we will...if some of us do at least put the 30 votes in and we'll bring some of you along to put this constitutional amendment on the ballot. In reality that's all that I think we should be looking at, that we're willing to submit it to the people to put on the ballot. Many have said in here that that's, I guess the word was, yellow-bellied, is that accurate? Whatever. But we've got to let them have a chance. Those of us that want to put this amendment on, and have a rational tax policy in terms of what Senator Warner just mentioned, I think are taking a real risk, too. It isn't that this is riskless. We very well could have that turned down in that election, and we will be back on. So it looks like to me we have to take that risk, and I guess I'm willing to. In order to get there, in the spirit of preserving some constitutional protection, using the 30 votes, I'm willing to do that, even though again it hurts deeply to give up that, I don't think it should be in the Constitution long term, I really, really don't. But, if that's what it takes to provide protection for the citizens of Nebraska, and for some of you to come along and support the constitutional amendment, I would do that. But I think some of...many...I guess we all need to examine ourselves and see what really is best for long-term Nebraska, and I can't understand why we should not be willing to submit it to the voters. That's all you're really doing in reality is submitting it to the voters, and take the risk that we're all taking, not just...not just whether you're coming from from the homeowners, or from the rural areas, or whatever, it's...in a sense it's a risk for all, and I think the risk is probably well placed, because the voters of Nebraska have spoken many times. Many have said that they don't know what's going on in the country. And when I say country, I mean all Nebraska. Let's say all of