

haven't wasted our time because we have discussed it and discussed it. We have met. We have tried to compromise. We have worked out some things and not other things. So far, we haven't really come to any consensus. But I do think that we haven't wasted our time. But I think that everybody, as I said, in the State of Nebraska, all the businesses, everyone has to sit down together and decide that we can't continue to exempt. And now some people call them incentives. They are business incentives, a lot of them, but I go back to business inventories, small businesses are going to be hurt if we start taxing business inventories. So at the moment, I have a pretty good feeling about this, Senator Hall. I am concerned, again, about putting it on the ballot too quickly. We put it on the ballot in September, we have barely a month, and from my constituency, I am not getting a big lot of phone calls, nor when I see people, when I go different places and see people, they all say we know you have a problem. We hope you can work it out. We don't have any big advice for you. The big thing I get continually is from the homeowners, that they feel they are taxed improperly or unfairly, and they are taxed proportionately too much, and then they realize that since in Lincoln most of our levy goes to the school district, but we have a lot of schools, we have a lot of students to support. So we have to do that. Some things were said again this morning about business,...

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SENATOR CROSBY: ...I must remind all of you again that businesses hire people, they pay for payrolls. The people who work there pay sales tax, income tax, property tax. They support the schools and all the subdivisions. So business cannot always be the bad guy. Business keeps us going, agribusiness because that is what we are is an agribusiness state. I am not quite sure how I will vote yet, Tim, but I appreciate your bringing this one. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Ashford. Senator Ashford waives. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I call the question, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We do have sufficient seconds. We will now