

finally, a point I would like to make is in the latest round of decisions the court has...and I agree with Judge Shanahan, they've created, out of thin air, a new standard, the standard of fully funding exemptions. It wasn't there before but it's there now. It's part of the law of the state, as interpreted by the Supreme Court. I see nothing in this bill that talks about how we are going to fund this, what is it, roughly a \$5 million exemption, and the court has indicated that's one thing that they thought the exemptions back in...previous to the Stahmer case were okay because they were fully funded but they're no longer fully funded. Nothing in this bill talks about how this particular...how this lost revenue is going to be made up. And I would appreciate Senator Lamb, perhaps in his explanation, spending a moment or two of explaining to us how it is to be made up. The exemption of livestock, I, you know, and I know we hear a lot of things about the importance of agriculture and all of that, I know there may be some reasons why people think it ought to be, but it is not good policy, it's not good policy the way it's being done and it should not be in the bill. And I would urge you to return the bill to Select File for the purpose of removing this section.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the north balcony. A special guest today of Senator Dan Lynch is Chiyo Komashita, who is a 17-year-old student from Yokohama, Japan. Her dream is to become a nurse so she's learning English to help her attain her goal. Her host family are Jerry and Lori Dworak of Omaha. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber and welcome to Nebraska. Thank you. Also, seated in the back of the Chamber is a former Sergeant at Arms of this Legislature. He is Ray Wilson and he is accompanied by Matt Fowler. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome back to the Chamber, Mr. Wilson. Thank you. The speaking order now is Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Wesely, Lamb, Schmit, Warner and Morrissey. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, it's an interesting issue, certainly, and one in which I support Senator Lamb's efforts. If we think back just several months ago when the debate on 1063 was going on there were many, many, I suppose, legislative intents that were expressed on the floor of the Legislature. But for the reason of summing up, I suppose, that there was a certain concern for maintenance of the