

liable for sales tax for all of the years that that had been part of our statutes. When they were brought in, as per the values required by the Internal Revenue Service Code, then for the owners of breeding livestock it became a pure, simple shift to them, to them of part of the burden that had been shared by all of the classes...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...of taxpayers in their community with no offsetting attempt to reduce that cost, which we had done for every other class of taxpayer. There is no rational way to address this concern other than to repeal this, because there is no...had been no tax that we can credit, that we can forgive to balance the increased cost. If the intent of 1063 on implementation was zero, zero, zero, insofar as it was practical for us to do so, this is the class of taxpayers that was severely negatively impacted with no offsetting reduction in their particular support for the lo...the support of local government. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I rise in, I guess, support of the Withem amendment with the idea that ultimately it would cause the demise of LB 3. I did support this amendment when it was adopted, along with Senator Lindsay and some of my colleagues who wanted to make the point, I think, very clearly that we have a very difference of...a very great gulf in difference of opinion here in what can be best described as a rural-urban split. We know it exists, let's admit it. We have a difference of opinion on how we should tax personal property that in particular comes down to issues like this one that has a difference of opinion between those of us in Lincoln and Omaha and those that are in the more rural areas of the state. And we were able to strike a bargain between those varying interests back last session, just a few months ago, when a compromise was reached and some hard work was put into that. And I want to thank Senator Withem and others who were involved in that compromise, Senator Hall, and an agreement was reached that I thought we could stick with at least for the end of the year, that we could come into special session and hang tough with a plan that had been put before the voters and agreed to by the voters with their understanding as best as we could explain it last session...last election in the primary. I think the