

many members of the body because we insist on going down the path of concealing from the citizens of Nebraska, by many different ways, what their government costs, by translating, transferring the burdens of the majority to the pocketbooks of a minority, the very minority in business, in agriculture, who are providing the jobs and providing the economic activity, providing the raw materials for export, the raw materials for further processing. We have an opportunity to do something that I would believe is much more right than the path revealed to us under LB 1. I would encourage your thoughtful consideration of this amendment. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. I will now recognize senators who wish to speak to the Coordsen amendment, Senator Wesely, followed by Senators Crosby, Haberman, Hall, Chambers, Warner, Schmit, and Bohlke. Senator Wesely. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair, and members. In listening to the whole thing this morning and Saturday, and visiting with different people, including my constituents, I think we have to keep in mind and the reason I will probably vote against this amendment, I think we have to keep in mind what the call is for. And when the Governor first proposed it to me, I told him I didn't like it, but I guess we are not sent here to like things or to have a love affair with the legislative bills. A lot of times we vote for something that we may not think is so great but we are here to try to do what we can to keep our state in a fiscally stable way. My district voted for to keep LB 1059 in place, the school aid bill. It voted for the ag land evaluation change. It also voted for LB 1063. Now it wasn't 99 percent to 1 percent, but it was significant, the vote was significantly high that I would think that most of my constituents see the problems we have and see the Legislature is working at trying to correct them, so, as I said before, we can have a fiscally stable financial situation in the State of Nebraska. One thing I would like to know from Senator Coordsen, I didn't quite understand, when you eliminate Section 13, Senator Coordsen, how much money does that wipe out?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would...I do not have those figures, Senator Crosby, but I would assume it to be approximately half.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, approximately 50 percent, okay. I think it would be good to know how much that would be because, certainly,