

talking about the sales, with 830, the sales and use tax, or the income tax; we are talking about local property taxes. These decisions are going to be made at the local level as to whether or not it is in their best interest to provide companies opportunities under the provisions of 830. So I think that this is certainly something that will benefit outstate Nebraska also. LB 775 wasn't supposed to help anybody but Lincoln or Omaha either. There is 500 jobs in the Gage County area today because of 775; so 775 has been beneficial to outstate Nebraska. It wasn't supposed to. That was a Lincoln and Omaha thing. So I think this could very well fall in that same category. You know I hope and certainly would encourage people to vote against the Coordsen amendment, to try to provide areas outside the Lincoln and Omaha area an opportunity to maybe entice a company like Micron to come into that area also. This gives me an opportunity to compete with Omaha or Lincoln for some of these types of projects and people in our districts. So I think 830 is good public policy. I think the thresholds are appropriate and would encourage the body to defeat the Coordsen amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I hesitate to say this, but I guess I will since I farm. The issue has been brought up of other related issues and I don't disagree with those being problems. I think Senator Schrock made the comment that was...I thought he said 200 million of personal property that because of 775 was not being taxed, I believe, in Douglas County. When you raise that issue, then somebody who doesn't farm is going to stand up and say, well, there is 15 billion of farmland in Nebraska valued currently at 80 percent. So there is 3 billion, approximately, of value of agriculture land that is not taxed for purposes of 1059 or others, and I only raise this issue knowing...not trying to create a division but we tend to pick one think out and another when we need to look at balance, and it would be nice if we could solve all the problems, as I said earlier, in one bill, but it is not possible. The fact that we need to continue to look at some of these other tax issues obviously is true, but you are not going to solve them in one issue. Here, to me, is only one, and if there is anybody that dislikes tax incentives more than I do, there is probably a few, but I am right almost there among those who dislike it the most. I don't have an argument for competition from my position, and that I know is the weakness of my position in being opposed to tax incentives.