

that Senator Wesely has presented to you, and from what we all know, if this bill goes into effect and the exemption is out there for people, the fact that it is delayed one year isn't going to have any practical effect on anybody. All those companies are going to stay. They are going to be glad that in one year's time the exemption will start to play in, as under the provisions of 559. But at the same time that that's happening, this affords us an opportunity for that one-time shot of money that the Campaign Finance Reform Act needs. You all have, I've brought to you almost every form of financing for this particular item, and time and again you've rejected it, and I understand that there is...there has not been a consensus on the form of financing, but here's is a unique opportunity, a unique opportunity. The Chamber of Commerce, I understand they want this bill, and I understand why, and I think it's good. I'm sure they would be a little disappointed if it was delayed for one year, but why should they be disappointed, that disappointed when, in fact, these companies deserve no break at all. The only reason that they are getting a break is because we don't want them to leave the state. There is no logical reason, other than that, as to why they should get a break over any other company or why these taxes, in effect, should be shifted to other taxpayers. So in light of that logic, and in light of the logic that they are not going to leave the state if this is just delayed one year, so long as the bill is passed, then it seems to me a perfect opportunity to kill two birds with one stone, the one bird being the need to finance Campaign Finance Reform, and the other need being to ensure that the throwback rule is ended and that we do assure these companies of the very best status they can have in the State of Nebraska. So that's the purpose of the amendment and I look forward to your reaction. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a couple of comments, I appreciate the efforts that Senator Beutler has been making over the years to try and find a adequate way to fund the...fund the income tax...or fund the campaign law, but I'd make a couple, three comments. We intended to bring up the issue on this bill from time to time because there is some basis for it, that one of the reasons for it is to either prevent or discourage expansion or new jobs from being located outside of the state. I don't know if it is so much that people might move, but in some cases, certainly