

here we go again, so to speak. Maybe there is a line in the sand. But with all due respect, who's hurrying? This bill has been before this body, with its membership constituted otherwise, a number of times previously, and it hasn't passed. The proposal is not to repeal the throwback tax instantaneously, no. It's the calm, rational three-year phase-in. Nobody is saying, although some would love to characterize the debate that way, that somebody...of course Duncan Aviation is not going to leave, of course they aren't, nobody has argued they are. But the information set forth on the sheet is an attempt to quantify, for a change, to deal with the facts, with the jobs, with the investment, with the marketplace for economic development and to see who's recruiting and who's being recruited. And if we need to look at individual rates, as opposed to corporate rates, then let's do that with a comprehensive study that Senator Warner has talked about. Let's not do it as a knee jerk, defensive reaction to something which has been correctly brought before us in a reasoned way. It is something to rejoice about, I think, if our corporate tax rates are in fact competitive. It's something to be sorry about and do something about if our individual tax rates are not nationally competitive; let's work on that. But I would hope that the economic future of Nebraska is not dependent upon a tax which half the states have progressively found it desirable to do away with. I hope we would not, with our centrality of location, our emphasis on telemarketing, with the work ethic of our people, with the attractiveness of life in Nebraska, I would hope we would not say, please don't come here if you want to do business with other than our 1.6 million people, because we're going to extract an extra tax on you because we think we can get by with it. Let's be competitive with our neighbors. We're good, we don't have to do some "uhicky" tax that 20, 25 other states haven't done, we can compete, we can vote down this amendment, we can adopt LB 559 and we can go out and compete with the world. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, it's interesting how things get changed around. Those who seek to adopt this amendment are suddenly in the position of being those who would change the system. Senator Warner argues, let's not change things until we have a study and we know what we're doing. And I say amen to that. And I said amen to that last