

opinions. Then we have another 49 opinions as we look at tax systems as they affect those who have elected us to represent them, and so we are already at 98 opinions. I would suggest that it would be appropriate because of the interrelationships of all of our revenue systems, because of the different types of economies that exist in Nebraska, rural and urban, suburban, small town, that in adopting, agreeing to the process, that what we have really agreed to is indicating a willingness to listen, to not look parochially upon our revenue system, but look upon it as a system that is in constant need of change, just as our economy constantly changes, and that those of us with mixed, perhaps predominantly rural constituencies, that we listen to our colleagues, who are going to share with us the concerns of the Nebraskans that live in the population centers. If we agree to listen, if we agree to support the concept as it is falling into place, then we will have made tremendous steps in resolving an issue that is foremost in the minds of many of our constituents and, quite probably, in the minds of most Nebraskans close to the top of the governmental concerns. But whatever the amendments are proposed and whatever are the actions that each of you individually take within the hearing process in your committees,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...please do us all a favor and listen to all of the voices, not just our own inner voice and not just the voice of our particular subset of constituents. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I rise to also support LR 297. I think it is a goal that we all have to support. It is real hard to come into this body and say I am not for property tax relief. I think we all have to have that as our number one goal. The problem is going to be to find the solution. It is easy to say I support property tax relief, but in order to find a solution amongst 49 people is going to be the real hang-up. To continue property taxes as we know them now is not acceptable. I think the people that are paying property taxes have stated if you continue where we are at we are going to change it through the ballot box. So we need to