

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Cudaback, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam Speaker, members, I guess this may not reflect on the Beutler amendment as such, but everything we're doing here is on, deals with the property tax issue. Once a week I call a chamber of commerce in my area and try to get some input, some ideas. If it's one thing I have learned, that the people of Nebraska are ready for property tax change, ready for whatever we can do to help them. They're not only ready, but they are expecting it. They are expecting a change in the system of the way it currently acts. Will this resolution perhaps do it (inaudible) substance? No. But it is a commitment. The people of Nebraska are ready for a commitment on our part. And what's more, if we don't do something, if the Legislature does not do something, the people have spoken, and the people of Nebraska will do something. Then we're going to come back here and say, hey, I don't like that. Well, why didn't we do it here then? So I think Senator Warner is on target here. He's getting us together, at least we're going to discuss it openly and maybe decide on something of a consensus among us all. Will we all get what we want? No, sure we won't. But I guess the bottom line is, Nebraska is ready and they're expecting something to happen, and they deserve something to happen. They really do deserve something out of this body rather than what they've been getting. And I do applaud Senator Warner for bringing this to us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Lynch, to speak to the Beutler amendment. Senator Hillman, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam President, members, and not probably particularly to the Beutler amendment, and as you can hear I'm just not going to talk very much on this bill at all. I'm not going to talk on any bill for probably a day or two. But I think everybody will probably have to get on the record in some way or other to talk about how they feel about this particular issue. For me it's looking at property tax and problem identification. And I think that's what we're basically doing here with the body today is to say we have identified a problem. And if many of you think there isn't a problem, I think there's a lot of people out there that do and so even if