

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members, I too rise in support of the reconsideration motion by Senator Withem. You've heard from Senator Withem. You've heard from Senator Warner and here's another W up to stand and suggest that we may have acted in haste with the adoption of the Schrock amendment. I understand what's happening and a mischievous partner next to me here, Senator Chambers, helped a little bit with that effort, but.... See the gleam in his eye and there's a twinkle there. What you accomplish if this stays on, if we don't reconsider, some of us who have been supporting 292, that have supported the package, have to reconsider generally our position on this measure. There's a balance here, an attempt to try and recognize across the state of Nebraska a desire to reduce property taxes. Once you start jockeying for a little bit of an advantage through the process then I guess the rest of us have to respond as well and the next thing you have is the whole effort falls on its own weight. Those of us that would like to see some things done on homestead exemption, Senator Hilgert's tried some efforts there, Senator Will's had some efforts there, I've had some efforts, you know, that's...we haven't made a big push on that. I know the concern is out there for the rural sector, the ag sector, that they have taxes that are too high. That's appreciated. But if we all try to get a little bit of what we want we have to end up in our own constituencies trying to respond--well, if they got that, why didn't you try to do yours? And then one after another the amendments come up and pretty soon the support that's been built, which is going to be difficult enough to carry all the way through, starts to unravel. So I, too, rise and ask your reconsideration. You sent the message. You've made your point. Now if you want to see something actually succeed and carry its way through you would need to reconsider. If you don't want to see the ultimate success of this package, if you don't want to see LB (sic) 292 eventually be placed on the ballot then stay with what you've got and you'll see a fight ensue, and I think that isn't what people want for the most part. I think what people want is to try and reach a balance and a fairness and include everybody in the effort to try and relieve property taxes so, again, I rise in support of the Withem amendment for reconsideration.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we