

rural colleagues. Even as a private citizen, I was in favor of the 80 percent limitation on agricultural land values. I will continue to support that. I have signaled in many conversations the fact that I'm one of those people who, at whatever risk, is going to be open some day at an appropriate point in time to considering broadening the tax base as it must be in order to address the proper...specific property tax issues, and particularly as they affect agriculture. But ultimately, when you get to the bottom line, I think with regard to this particular amendment on this resolution at this point in time we're disrupting a process that we, as leaders in this state, need with regard to the totality of these issues. I urge support for the motion for reconsideration in order that we not have this specific focus, in order that we not jeopardize this opportunity to lead with these, with this package of bills which surely is not perfect, nothing is, but does represent our best collective effort at this point in time. And, finally, I urge reconsideration not because I'm not supportive of the substance of the amendment, but because it achieves absolutely nothing at this moment additional other than the theoretical constitutional protection. It's in the statute now. I'd be supportive of it as a separate effort constitutionally later, but it is not, ought not be the sole and concentrated focus of what is a much larger effort on our part to lead in some very significant reform that will result in lower property taxes but, more importantly, will control spending, realign governmental and intergovernmental relationships and make it possible to go forward for our future in a good economic manner. I urge support for the reconsideration.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I'll just take a couple of minutes and I'd like to relinquish to Senator Maurstad the balance of whatever time I have. I wasn't going to say a lot on this but it, unfortunately, resurrected the old let's have a tax policy in Nebraska that protects a way of life and then, when you think about that as an issue, who don't you protect as a way of life. And, in my district, to be completely frank, I've got an awful lot of businesses, small businesses, and their building and their warehouse building and that holds their inventory and where they put their shops and machines and all the rest is just as important to them, the land that building sits in and the land and the building itself, as the