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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR JONES: So, there's so many combinations that I don't know just how that we can get this all put together and make it work, and I can understand you waiting a year to implement it, but the problem of it is there...we got the crisis out there now. That's going to be down the road a ways too, so that's another problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Further discussion on the Wickersham amendment, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I haven't had a very kindly attitude historically towards any kinds of exemptions or programs such as this. The first one I ran into in my career was tax increment financing when the Cornhusker Hotel was being built here in Lincoln, and my Chamber of Commerce and a lot of other people thought tax increment financing was a good idea. I voted against it, and I still think it's a bad idea except in very constricted forms in isolated instances, those instances being, primarily, situations where the question is, are we going to lose the business to another state? I wasn't around when LB 775 was voted in. I'm not sure what I would have done. I would have hated the exemptions but I might have been convinced to vote for it simply because you can make very real arguments in the climate that is allowed by the federal government today, that if you do not have the proper incentives, you are going to lose the businesses, at least certain types of businesses, to other states. I'm very skeptical and dubious with respect to this particular subsidy, and because that's my general attitude I guess, I certainly prefer the Wickersham amendment to Senator Wehrbein's version. I understand that they both are trying to help, but at least with Senator Wickersham's version, if you discover a year or two or three years down the line that, in fact, it's not working very well at all, in fact, it does nothing at all, then at least you have the option of cutting the appropriation back without going through the process of having to pass a bill to take away the credit that would be there if you had Senator Wehrbein's bill. Senator Wehrbein's version, I think, puts it more firmly into place, and because I regard the whole measure as a dubious