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Redfield, I rise in respectful opposition to your amendment. I remember six years ago when I was young like you and full of vim and vigor and vision and vitality, but I've learned a number of things since then. I found out about double taxation, economic competitiveness, fairness, and then there's the old bugaboo, raw political power. And I think this amendment fails on several of those counts. I couldn't help but think, as you're talking, looking back to the last vote. This one goes really in the opposite direction. This taxes the two-by-fours, the concrete, the labor to build it. It taxes it all. Taxes the university spending. There's a lot of double taxation here. And I think in all seriousness, it places Nebraska at a real competitive disadvantage. There are states that do some of what you're talking about. I'm not certain other than Hawaii, and this certainly isn't Hawaii, I'm not certain that there's anybody else who does all of what you're talking about. But you know, everybody who does the bulk of what you're talking about or substantially all of what you're talking about doesn't have an income tax. And if...I think if you put a repeal of the income tax in here then I think I can predict your fate for certain. The...this all takes time, and I simply think we are not at a point in this session and in our development of a restructured tax philosophy that we can go to this extremely, extremely broad model and make it work. I rise in opposition to the amendment and I would urge its defeat, because I think here we are on the seventy-seventh day and I believe that LB 759 is, and I hope that a majority ultimately agree, is the best package we can put together in whatever final form we put it together, and then I think there will be lots of years in which we will address the remaining issues that Senator Redfield is identifying. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Redfield, there are no further lights on outside your own. You can either speak or you can close, if you wish to.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes, I would, but I would like to call the house before I do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay.