

Legislature of us city people coming in in response to our commercial people of one type or another, our gas distributors, for example, and their trucks, we are going to be in here year after year asking for equal treatment for them and I don't know how I am going to be able to...I am going to have to be in here because I am not going to be able to explain to them why we gave a break to farmers in this particular area and not to them. I can explain it on real property taxes. They understand the large amount of the land that is needed compared to the amount of land that they need and the unfairness of that situation, but I will never be able to explain this. So I hope that you won't even give further consideration to this particular idea because I think it would have very unhappy consequences for the Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rogers, then Senator Higgins. But may I please introduce some guests in the south balcony of Senator Rod Johnson. There are 90 fourth grade students from Aurora Elementary School in Aurora, Nebraska and teacher. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting the Legislature this morning. Senator Rogers, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, you know, I think agriculture is just as important an industry in Nebraska as any other when we start talking about some of the other industries and the reasons that they were tax exempt. I guess it is just too bad that us farmers can't pick up our farms and our cattle operations and our hog operations and leave Nebraska, but it would be just a little hard, a little difficult, I think, to do such a thing. Senator Johnson, in regard to farmers' income tax, I will admit, I haven't probably paid very much to the state income tax the last few years but I would like to have you know that I will be very, very happy when I get in the position that I do have to pay some state income tax. So I don't think that is a very valid argument. I guess that I have said about all I can to try to make these things fair, to try to show farmers and agriculture that we are thinking about them. Rex had made the statement and I will make it again that we realize that if we get this on the floor, it will definitely sit here. Maybe next year the economy will take a switch to the better of which we all hope and there will be some way to fund it. Thank you.