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The people of Nebraska also ought to understand the importance of all exemptions and the best way to do that is to exempt many, many thousands, millions of dollars at one time so the burden hits them hard instead of sort of softly slaps them in the face. The burden must hit them hard so they can understand what beneficial people we are here in the Legislature and how helpful we are to those people with the powerful lobbyists and those people that can make a case slim as this case is for exemption. That is what we need to do and that is why I move to exempt all premium taxes from the tax. I don't know what the cost of this amendment is. I would expect it is at least two, maybe three, maybe four, maybe more million dollars but in the end we are going to get there anyways at this rate. We are going to get to total exemptions at this rate. I just want to accelerate the process so the people of the State of Nebraska can understand what this beneficent Legislature is doing for them or to them, whichever ever the case may be. With the pleasure of making that speech, Mr. President, Mr. President, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: With the opportunity to make that speech, I will save some time, withdraw the amendment. The body does not seem to be in the mood to exempt everybody at this time, just a few.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, we appreciate it. There were a great number of lights on. That will save time, so the Newell amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Nothing further, Senator DeCamp, what do you wish to do?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, I move the bill be advanced and would point out to my good friend, Senator Newell, that even though he says I can't ever say no, I didn't open my mouth once on my own bill there.

PRESIDENT: Would everyone turn off their lights. We don't know whether people want to discuss the merit of the bill now or what. These lights are all on. I have no idea whether you want to address yourself to the bill or not. All right, I guess I will just go down the list then and beginning with Senator Koch. Do you wish to speak to the motion to advance LB 905? Thank you, Senator Koch. Senator Dworak. All right. Senator Lamb. No. Senator