

has different philosophical points of view represented on it. I think with this expertise and this talent and with this broad base of representation across this state, if they can come together upon a measure like 608, it probably is as sound and well thought out piece of legislation in this area as we can go. Now this is an innovative concept for Nebraska. This is a concept that addresses all the complaints of the people that we hear across this state about some of the inefficiencies and some of the waste in government. This bill addresses those issues directly. This bill should attract every conservative vote in this Legislature from the prospect that we are really getting our dollars worth and really addressing the people who have the need. This bill should attract the liberal philosophy in this Legislature, also, in the fact that it does give meaningful property tax relief based solely on need. I don't think anyone in this state is going to deny another citizen in this state help if they truly need that help. I think the concern with a lot of people across this state, however, is putting scarce resources, giving scarce resources to people who really do not have the need. Now this bill is not so new, this concept is not so new across this nation. Over twenty states have adopted this type of approach in giving property tax relief. It is not new in Nebraska. There have been...this measure has been before this body or at least the Revenue Committee, many times in the past but I personally am confident that this year with the Revenue Committee putting this bill out on the floor, supporting it with this diverse representation that is on that committee, if five people could get together on this bill, it is probably sound and workable. So I really urge you to take a close look at this. I think now is the time, now is the time to face the reality of the day. You know we have heard speech after speech after speech from some members of this body crying the doom and gloom philosophy of the economy and the state of the state. I don't see those people now talking on this bill, which in my opinion is probably could be one of the most significant things we could do to eliminate money going where money should not be going, money going to people who do not really need the money and concentrating those dollars to the people that really are wanting to keep themselves in their homes and so I would suggest that now let's not perpetuate our lethargic attitude to meaningful significant change. Let's look at this directly as exactly what it is and not listen to the emotion of argument but let's look at the rationale, let's look at the logic and let's pass this. Let's correct the present inequities and let's put property tax relief where property tax relief should go.

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