

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would like to interrupt debate to announce that Senator Conway has guests in the south balcony this morning from Jackson, Nebraska, Herman Lieber, David Mellick, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mellick and Jim and Judy Twohig. We welcome you to the Legislature this morning, and also Senator Nichol has as his guest the distinguished Chairman of the Scotts Bluff County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Bill Peters of Gering. If Mr. Peters and the people from Jackson would stand, we would like to recognize that you are here and welcome you to the Legislature. Also on the first day of the special delegation back from Washington, it is nice to be able to give good wishes to one of our fellow Senators who peculiarly is robbed of a birthday ordinarily. Having been born, I guess, on February 29th, I am told that he is now, therefore, 17 years of age. So give a happy birthday recognition to Senator Harold Sieck. Continuing debate the Chair would recognize Senator Bill Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, last year I didn't make the Governor who appointed me very happy by supporting the exemption but I am going to support Senator Pappas's motion to bring this bill up to the floor. I believe that we have to have this as one of the options open to us when we are talking about the total revenue picture of the State of Nebraska and the total property tax relief issue. And I want Senator Johnson to know that I heard him when he was making his speech to become the Revenue Committee Chairman in regard to the property tax issue. I did campaign on the property tax issue as one of the things that I was going to support and have some property tax relief. I still plan to do my best under the circumstances as they develop to continue with the idea of providing some property tax relief in the State of Nebraska but I think that we have to understand what they don't seem to understand in Washington and that is that things change, and if you are unwilling to change, if you are inflexible, if you are set in your ways to the point where you will not listen to reason even when it is right in front of your face, then you are going to be making decisions that will hurt the state and hurt the homeowners instead of helping them. I think that we have to realize the position that we are in in regard to people's attitude toward Nebraska, people's attitude toward the farm sector. They did an interview with one of the FDIC people that