

indefinite postponement of this issue. Unfortunately, I was not able to be here in the Legislature the day that that vote was taken. Senator Lamb had talked to me earlier and asked me if I would file a reconsideration motion, which I, of course, did. I guess all I would say to you is this. If we are, in fact, seriously considering providing some form of property tax relief in this state, then I urge you to reconsider this issue because I think it is important that we keep all our avenues open. There is clearly a division in this Legislature over what is property tax relief to this state, what is the right method to use in the area of providing property tax relief. Some have indicated that this is the method. Others have indicated that the homestead exemption is the method that we should use. And I assume that there are others who would say that state aid to our local political subdivisions may be an area in which we could provide some property tax relief to the taxpayers of our state. I guess all I am saying is this. It is early in the legislative session, quite frankly. We have got a long ways to go yet before this session is completed. We have a lot of work to do. I think it is important that we recognize and that we have to keep our options open. If I had been here the day that the vote was taken earlier, I do not believe the kill motion would have been successful. However, that is all water under the bridge today. But I am asking you to reconsider this motion. I am not saying that LB 38 is perfect and I am not saying that ultimately this Legislature will choose to adopt this as a property tax relief scheme. I guess all I am saying is that let's keep our avenues open. Let's reconsider this issue. I think there is middle ground in this issue. I still think that we can find an amenable solution to this problem with LB 38. I recognize that some have indicated to me and I am sure to others that certain individuals are going to get a greater piece of the pie than others, specifically farmers, big businesses and the like as opposed to the regular homeowner in Nebraska. I guess all I am saying is I would like to see us find a solution that is amenable to us all as Nebraskans and I think that middle ground is still in this bill somewhere and I think the Legislature was premature in its decision to kill LB 38. I would ask you to take the motion and reconsider it and please put it back on the legislative floor where we can discuss it again and at that point possibly we will find a decision that will keep everybody happy and hopefully somewhere along the line we will find a solution to this property tax relief idea that we have been