

fact I've got some amendments that I'd like to put onto it. But it seems to me that it might be easier for those of us that are from greater Nebraska and have those political difficulties facing us, it might be easier to say we're going to use the mechanism of 713 to try to address this situation than it would be to raise the taxes, to raise the tax rates albeit for one year and take it right out of the general fund. It's not very popular to go back out there and tell your folks that are suffering financial distress themselves, tell them that we're going to have to raise your taxes in order to pay off a problem in Lincoln, Nebraska, basically Lincoln. It might be easier, I would suggest to you, to use the mechanisms even though they may be different, and as Senator Haberman pointed out somebody used some imagination, that are in LB 713. So I would urge you to reject the DeCamp amendment. I would urge you to examine LB 713. I'm sure that there are some changes that this body is going to want to make either on General File or Select File and I would remind those of you that are from greater Nebraska that we're all part of the State of Nebraska. Our titles are not district, our titles are state, and when I raised the issue earlier this session about the difficulties we were having in agriculture, I don't remember anybody from Lincoln standing up or from the urban areas standing up and saying, you know, we disagree with you, we're not hurting, Lincoln and Omaha are getting along pretty good, so we don't want to help you out any. It's difficult to make those decisions. It's difficult to say that, you know, this may not benefit me and my district, but it's the right thing to do. I just would like to throw a little oil on the waters that might be getting a little troubled and remind people that we do have to work together and it might be easier to do it under the mechanisms of 713. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely for the second time and then Senator Beutler and then Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I again would rise in opposition to the DeCamp amendment. I again emphasize the fact that we did pass that resolution calling for a \$20.5 million settlement. We went back to the drawing board with that indication from the Legislature and tried to put together a package that would reflect the feelings of this body. We're now coming back to you with