

and so sophisticated, an annual update can very easily and readily be plugged in so that we don't need to do this very often, and will be current with the preceding years records. And I think that is important, that it will be a continuing process that will then be of great value to us. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Just a moment to again urge the body to support the resolution brought to us by Senator Johnson. Many of us, if not most of us, have at one time or other, in our legislative districts, expounded the virtues of a complete overhaul of our tax system in Nebraska. I think it is vitally important. I think the time has come for an independent, in depth study of the entire taxation system in the State of Nebraska, and it can be done very well by members of the task force appointed by the Legislature. Sometimes it seems to me that practically every social, economic, and occupational group in Nebraska will try to tell us, at one time or another, what they in particular are singled out as paying unfair taxes, getting benefits...not getting the benefits that they think they are entitled to. And I think this gives us then the vehicle, a chance to find out actually who is paying the taxes at this particular time, and who is suffering, if any, under the burdens of our present taxation system. I am...I compliment Senator Johnson for bringing the resolution. I would hope the body would, at this point, accept it. I think perhaps the appropriations that we're all concerned about may, in fact, pay for themselves at the conclusion of the study. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members, I, too, support this resolution. I think it is a study that is long overdue. I think it will be an eye-opener for all of us. I think it will be very helpful in the operation of our state government. I look forward to seeing this independent study carried out. And I think the, as Senator Barrett has indicated, I think that in the long-run it will not be a cost to the State of Nebraska, but rather it will be an investment that all of us can be proud of. I would ask all of you to support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll.