

in...arguably in some ways of continuing some very reasonable exemption on livestock, on farm machinery and things like that is with a constitutional amendment because if you don't, then the same argument applies as to the homeowner, you know, you may have to put all things back on. If you don't put all the things back on, that real estate property that the ag land owners in the state have is going to go up dramatically as with the homeowner. And so it's just one of those things, it's the only way to give us the proper flexibility and the proper tools to deal with this in a reasonable fashion and in a prudent policy manner. I mean, there is a variety of reasons maybe why you want to put intangibles back on the back on the tax rolls. There is a variety of reasons why some people want to put farm machinery and livestock back on the tax rolls. There's a variety of reasons why people want to exempt everything. But I don't think this Legislature should be forced to do any of those things. For us to do our job and to make reasonable policy decision to make sense with the State of Nebraska and all its citizens, this constitutional amendment should be passed. We do all of our best to go out across the State of Nebraska and tell people, explain to people, and it is somewhat difficult to explain, but without this constitutional amendment, our hands may very well be tied and I don't think that is prudent for anybody. Some may wish to have a crisis, I think it is our job to act rather than react to a crisis for once. We should divert that from happening, pass this constitutional amendment and then we will have the tools before us to develop a reasonable tax policy that, hopefully, will tax everyone fairly, but at least does not make us do it under a crisis situation. With that, I support the committee amendments and the adoption of the constitutional amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hefner, oh, no, excuse me, we do have an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conway would move to amend the committee amendments. (Conway amendment appears on page 2615 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in support of LR 186 and later may get involved in the debate relative to its advancement with respect to its need and the