

accept it. So my suggestion, Senator Warner, would be to introduce a bill this coming session, the next session, and then hold a public hearing on it, and then put it on the ballot in the fall of 1992. I believe that would make it more palatable, because if we tie this in with LR 186, I am a little concerned that we'd probably be bucking a coalition that has a lot of those exemptions. This is just a suggestion, and I am throwing it out for you to think about. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Next speaker is Senator Wehrbein on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker or Mr. President and members. I guess I would like to ask a question of Senator Warner. Let's say we wanted to have a business incentive in Nebraska and food processing is one that we have had, say we wanted to encourage more food processing, would exempt the machinery used in food processing. Say if we did it right now, and we had this amendment in place in the Constitution, we'd have to review this...you have to review it in 10 years. Now let's say we did it, is this 10 years from the date that the exemption was enacted or will it be roughly, '91, 2001?

SENATOR WARNER: Under the amendment, the first review would occur in the year 2001, and every 10-year interval thereafter.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: What if we enacted some incentive for a brand new machine in 1999, would that be up for review then in 2001?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Well, I guess that is my concern of the uncertainty we might create, and those times it may be million dollar machines, and I guess, if I understand it right, and I know we can always review these any time and we are always vulnerable, but it seems to me putting this in the Constitution is a pretty firm step in concrete. I can understand perhaps doing this or considering it statutorily, but I still would just want to continue in opposition to this in the Constitution, based on the fact that with investment decisions, and so forth, being what they are, it seems to me the window for using these exemptions needs to be more reasonable and longer and more certain than the atmosphere we may be creating by examining them every 10 years. It isn't to say that we can't do it now, I know that is the argument and it maybe should be done now, but I