

think we need to be cautious in changing the atmosphere, the environment, if you will, for business or any other of these areas in Nebraska, and I continue to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Our next speaker is Senator Kristensen on the Warner amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm still trying to decide, Senator Warner, how this is going to work, and if this is a policy that would be good to use. As I sit here and think about it, I try to place myself in the year 2001. And I know that I've got all these exemptions that are going to come up, and so I've got the coalition of people who are exempt, and then I've got some people who want to become exempt, because it's every 10 years and they can get the full 10-year benefit of exemptions. Would that lead, at least in your opinion and based on your experience with it, would that lead to a coalition that would be a natural bond of coalitions for people to come together, those that have exemptions, and those who would like it, and say, look, we'll help you keep your exemptions, you can bring on another four or five votes because we've got this new exemption. Does that build me in a brand new coalition that really may formalize or institutionalize the Constitution to ensure those exemptions to continue? I guess I don't have the answer to that, but that...I would be interested in your opinion to that, and you can have the remainder of my time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Kristensen, that is bringing up an issue, I guess, anyone could draw a conclusion, as you saw fit, as to what generates or does not generate coalitions. I would be quick to agree that when LR 186 was first introduced inventory was included, it came out, in part, on the argument that you were breaking up old time coalition of common interests, so, you know, you can make that case. The other side of the coin, however, is that I think it's absolutely impossible to attempt to review exemptions on a periodic basis and not look at them in total, because then the argument is going to be, why are you picking on us and not 10 other exemptions that might occur. So as a practical matter, while the political pressure would be there of coalitions to continue, by the same token, it would be a less effective coalition, I would guess, than what you would find on a piecemeal basis periodically, if they were