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will look for a system that's nearly neutral and that, in the case of 1063, requires some adjustment because 1063 is not nearly neutral. LB 1063 is neutral for the business community in that they keep paying taxes. It is not nearly neutral for the agricultural community and adjustments realistically probably need to be made. I will commit to the idea of searching for appropriate adjustments and looking for something that begins to approximate a nearly neutral system. Am I going to identify what that is today? No, I'm not. Am I going to put this in the hands of people and...and make modifications to the provision I support by putting that provision in the hands of others who do not support it? No, I'm not. But I will, from this position, begin to entertain...

SENATOR CONWAY: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the brainstorming process of discussing how to find that system. To my urban colleagues who believe that 1063, in its pristine form, is the answer...and, by the way, I'm going to run out of time and I hope the next speaker would consider yielding me some time. You should take a look at this document. We get so many glossy reports that we rarely take a look at them. This is Nebraska's changing economy and I invite my urban colleagues to read some of these pages. On page 12, it says that growth in manufacturing is an urban phenomenon. Wholesale trade in Nebraska has gone down, the sharp losses occur in nonurban areas. In the retail sector, 310 new retail establishments in urban areas, 277 retail losses in nonurban areas. In the finance and insurance section there are 92 new...

SENATOR CONWAY: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...establishments. They're in urban areas. There are 73 establishments that have closed. They are in nonurban areas. We cannot ignore...

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SENATOR LANDIS: ...the rest of Nebraska. We cannot ignore this phenomenon. Where we will find agreement is by talking about what we will do, not what we won't do. And I would suggest that we start with the principle that Howard enunciated which is to find as practical as possible...

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Landis, time, please.