

Senator Beutler for bringing this amendment because I think this is a subject we really need to talk about. And I think when I think of business inventories, in particular, I think of so many small businesses in the State of Nebraska, not just in my district, in all of your districts, that will be hurt when they have to start being assessed for their inventories. Inventories are liquid. They change every day. If you go into the grocery store, take something off the shelf, somebody is almost there right away to put another one on. It keeps going in that circle. The whole...this whole two weeks I have felt like we're in Alice in Wonderland or Through the Looking Glass, or whatever, and the Mad Hatter is rushing around here telling us we're late and I'm not sure what part of your day I'm late for, because I read so much this past week I cannot absorb it all. I think everybody is in the same boat. We cannot absorb it, even the lawyers are having trouble. Right, David? But you put it in perspective a few minutes ago and thank you for that because we do feel that we're asked to do something in a hurry. That's the way I feel, like I'm being pushed into a corner. But stop and think about Through The Looking Glass or C.S. Lewis' Lion Witch and the Wardrobe. Those people, the children go into the wardrobe, they go into another world. Alice goes through the looking glass, she goes into another world and that world is backward through the looking glass and that's the way we all feel, like we're looking at everything from hindsight, looking back as to what was done, shouldn't have been done, but it's there, we've got to do something about it. And the kings on the Supreme Court come in and slap us down and say, you must do something. I think we are doing it too quickly. I have felt that all week, all the past two weeks, that we're trying to rush too much. But this particular amendment, I'm going to vote for it. And, Senator Lamb, I know what you're saying about the cattle but some people would say that a breeding herd is business equipment. And I'm not trying to be facetious when I say that, that's true. It's equipment that is used and business equipment, at the moment, is not exempt. So perhaps you have to separate the breeding herd from the other herd. The grain and livestock, I understand what you're saying there, that perhaps you'll go in and say, well, my grain is feed. Okay. But at the moment I just think it's good that this amendment is here so we can be on record for business, for small business, for agriculture. Please let me remind you, and I know I don't really need to but we are an agricultural state, our business is agriculture. We depend on agriculture. We cannot line up as city and farm and say, well, what we do in the city is not good