

Governor's proposition as is will pass. But I know, and I think you know in your minds, if not in your hearts, that that amendment is dead, that it is not going to pass in the form that it is in. The votes are not there. They have never been there. They are less there today than they were before. And so it is for us to reconstruct something that we can put to the people that will start us on the path to returning to the status quo, which is close to where we all want to be, and it is necessary for us to take into account and to accommodate the people who are on the ends of this debate, those who are very concerned about the homeowner, those who are very concerned about the farm interest. And I am suggesting to you that this amendment is the path because it is something that philosophically, one, we can all agree to. I really should just ask you one thing right now, vote your philosophy. Vote your philosophy and, in doing that, we will break this impasse. We will do something that is beneficial, both for the city and for the country. If you will look at the dollar amounts, I suggest to you that the way this would end up is that it would be of equal benefit, and this thing can proceed. This thing can proceed in an intelligent fashion. So I hope you will think carefully about your emotional misgivings and ask yourself the bottom line question, is this my philosophy and will this move us forward? And I think the answer is, yes. Senator Bradford...Ashford, you are sharing this time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: It took me three years for Senator Chambers to move off of Senator Bradford, but, be that as it may, you know, in the last several weeks I have read, certainly in our hometown paper, the Omaha World-Herald, over and over again, how the Legislature has failed on every issue that has come before us, and that is a big difference from five years ago when we passed 775 and there was nothing, according to the Omaha World-Herald that the Legislature could do wrong. So times change and maybe they will change again, but I don't think it is important, particularly, that we concentrate and worry too much about what the Omaha World-Herald says or any other paper says about what we do. I think what is important is how we feel, ourselves, about what we have done, and that is what Senator Beutler, the message that he is giving us, I think. If we feel good leaving here with something that we can sell to the people of the State of Nebraska, it will go. It will sell. It will pass, I believe. I just don't believe at all...