

we are talking about taking away from the tax base, Senator Schellpeper, if he does support the fertilizer tax, and if anybody here today votes to reconsider and then votes for the fertilizer tax, are taking actions which are entirely inconsistent because this tax does not take away from the tax base; the fertilizer tax takes away from the tax base. Very simply put, there is an incredible inconsistency in that argument, one that cannot be made consistent by just saying it. So that's that argument. The issue of whether or not we are acting like a city council or not acting like a city council is also a red herring issue. This matter has been before this body for at least since 1989 in one shape, form, or another. The reason that I got involved, and it has been up aboveboard, everybody has seen every part of this issue since it started across this floor to see what we were doing in Omaha to try to solve the controversy between the city and the county that had been thrust upon us by that disagreement. This is the resolution of it. This is the resolution of it. It may not be the best one, as Senator Hall suggests that we need a convention center, and I agree with him that we do need a convention center. This may not be the best resolution, but if we adopt this motion to reconsider...to reconsider and then go ahead and change the action that we did on Friday simply because Senator Chambers is threatening you, and that's really what is happening, and I think we should all think about that before we make a move. Senator Chambers is telling you that if you do not vote to reconsider, he will do X, Y, and Z. He is, in effect, members, tying together what has not been tied together. He is tying together what has not been tying together. What kind of a courageous vote is it to reconsider because Senator Chambers says that he will amend every other bill that you're...

SENATOR MOORE: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...concerned about? That's a direct reaction to Senator Chambers'...and I will give Senator Chambers, as he always does, and as he has for eight years since I have been sitting in front of him, he is giving you due notice. He is giving you due notice, and I respect him for doing that, but if the only reason for you to vote to change your mind is because Senator Chambers is telling you that he is going to filibuster other bills that you have concern with, that is not a good solid reason to do it. I guess I could use some other descriptions of it, but that is not an appropriate reason to change your vote that you took Friday. In conclusion, members, I would just urge