

this bill today after a couple of day's reflection than I was a couple of days ago. A couple of days ago I thought of it as just as a deal that was put together to make everybody happy, but the more I looked at it, it's kind of a microcosmos of what you would like to see this Legislature doing and that is doing things that are not just parochial in nature and that is doing things in Omaha, a breeding livestock issue that really doesn't have a big deal of impact on Omaha, but doing that because maybe that's good policy for the rest of the state. And the same thing with fertilizer tax, recognizing inside of Omaha or as an Omaha senator, that that fertilizer tax does have an impact on people from around the state. And by the same token those from outside of Omaha recognizing that the Nebraskaplex project, that the idea of an agricultural convention center is something that is good for the entire state and not just for Omaha. So I think the bill itself I think is something that I'm very comfortable with now and like I say, I disagree with Senator Kristensen's analysis of it. I think it's a good proposal and I intend to continue voting for it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President, I'll be brief and I only want to talk about two things with regard to this bill. Parts of it are quite troubling to me as I'm sure you're all aware. One of them was raised by Senator Wesely and I was surprised by Senator Wesely's speech because it was exactly the opposite of my concerns in part. Senator Wesely seems willing to commit the state to spending state dollars for the development of a convention center some place. I think with this bill we're making the decision that that convention center would be in the City of Omaha. I don't necessarily have any objections to the location of a convention center in the City of Omaha. It's probably the only logical place in the State of Nebraska to have one. I have grave reservations about what the state's level of participation in that effort ought to be. If it continues the pattern that we have in this bill, it would be a two-thirds, one-third ratio. The state would wind up paying for two-thirds of it. I do not intend that the ratio that we have in this bill be binding on me and I hope the rest of you would not consider it to be binding on you in the future when inevitably we are asked to participate in funding of a convention center. Literally, the foot is in the door with this bill. There is an additional \$8 million that will be spent, I