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free. I certainly hope that you kill this bill. This bill has been on here year after year and it has never been able to go. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this is identical, as Senator Syas said, to a bill we killed here a couple of times, at least once just recently and we had some very strong reasons for doing it at the time. We checked it out. We know, for example, that there is X number of dollars have to be raised by taxes and so the same amount of money is still going to have to be raised no matter what you start exempting, no matter how you juggle the things. But what it does, it opens up the whole system of your property taxation to abuse, discrimination and possibly corruption because the individual that wants to cut his taxes is going to try to be qualifying, in some cases, to be tax exempt because he is going to claim, well, this property or that property falls under the classification here and so what is going to happen is they are going to have to juggle and find out where they are going to put the tax on somebody else. These lands are being taken care of well now, in most cases, and they are being taken care of because the person knows he is paying tax on them. He knows it is his land and he has an interest in it, and if we make this very major dent in our property tax laws, I think we will open up the whole area to abuse and confusion. So I would urge you to kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask the Legislature today to pass this bill out. It is a constitutional amendment and the people are going to get an opportunity to vote on it, and if they should decide that we are going to take and allow certain areas of this state to come off the tax roles, there is nothing so bad about that. And I am sure, I sat on the Committee and I never seen one farmer or one rancher come in and appear for this bill. The main opposition for this bill comes from your county officials and they are hired to do a job, and if they don't want to do their job, they are like me, they don't have to run for the office. Now, I think that all of the people who are interested in game in Nebraska are interested in this bill. So let's let this go out to the people, not come along and kill it now, but let it go out and let the people decide whether they want it, and then if they do want it, if it passes, let's come back to this Legislature and the Legislature shall set up the rules and regulations by which the property will be exempt from taxes. This Legislature or the next Legislature certainly has the capabilities of doing that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, for what purpose do you ask recognition? I have got other lights on.