

absorbed in local additions or increases in taxes, here he pays it in the first place, he gets a check back, he knows what's going on and if anybody increases taxes he knows it. He knows who is spending the money. He knows where the money is coming from. You said, how come I've never opposed state aid? I have, regularly. I've said it is a nonworking method of property tax relief. When you came into this body the average property taxes in this state for the average homeowner were right between 2 and 2.5 percent. With all the promises of you and me and everybody in here since that time and all the state aid which you and I have voted for on occasions and voted against, with all of that the average homeowner, the average homeowner in Nelighs, O'Neills and Valentines, I'm sure, and Omahas and Lincolns is right at 3 percent now. So something isn't going right. Something isn't working. Okay, now let's go to Senator Hannibal's argument. If there ever was a hokey argument, that's got to be it. Senator Hannibal suggested that he is going to set up all these corporations and split up all this property, take his farm and divide it into little, dinky little portions so he can get my \$300 rebate, that's like spending \$10,000 or \$5,000 or whatever so you can get \$300. I mean I'm talking that's nonsense, when you talk about all the tax implications at the federal level for your IRS having separate corporations, it is just nonsense. Additionally, with Senator Lamb's amendment and with the program we've pretty well solved that using Social Security numbers. Will it be 100 percent? I don't know, but they have rebate plans in a lot of states and they do work so they aren't unworkable and at least the person knows where they are getting their money. Now, Senator Nelson started her conversation by telling you, I just want to help the average person up and down main street. She went on to say, and that average person is paying about a \$1,000 property taxes. Ladies and gentlemen, that's precisely what I'm doing. I'm giving the average person one-fourth elimination of their current property taxes. Why have two caps, first of all a percentage and second of all, a figure? So that you don't dissipate all your money, so that you do target the dollars available. We're talking 95 or \$100 million. Spend it so you get your maximum benefit at the person that is hurting the worst. Who is hurting the worst? The homeowner. If you don't know that by this time, you're just not being honest with yourselves. They're at actual value on their homes. They're paying 3 percent actual taxes...