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own property or live in the country to have absolutely no restitution. At this particular point, I think it is important for us to consider that we are in this together as Senator Sieck indicated. And I think it is important for us to come up with some type of meaningful property tax relief package in this body. And that pressure is going to have to come from all segments of our society, not just from the rural areas, because if we depend upon that, I can tell you exactly what has happened to a lot of the other measures that are supposed to be rural issues, they generally don't get the necessary support. So I would urge the body to reject this bill. Let's go back to square one. Let's consider the bill or consider a meaningful property tax package probably next session. We've got a long session. The tax study will be underway. Senator Johnson will be bringing us, I'm assuming, some recommendations that would provide meaningful property tax relief to all of the segments of society, not just those who live in the cities. I can tell you I appreciate what they are trying to do here because I own a house in town. I also own farm property in the country. So I would like to see some relief on both of those properties. But, unfortunately, under this bill only one segment of that is going to be addressed. And I think that is inappropriate and bad public policy decision. I suggest that we kill this bill at this particular time and start over next year.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. At this time the Chair would like to announce that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 368. And we will suspend discussion on LB 890 and the indefinite postponement amendment at this time in order to move into our annual Mother of the Year ceremony. Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you would...first of all let me ask all senators to return to the Chamber so that they may participate in our Mother of the Year ceremony. Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms, would you give me the high sign when we are ready for the...to introduce the mothers and their escorts. Members of the Legislature, throughout the building, we are about to enter into our annual Mother of the Year ceremony in the State Legislative Chamber. You are invited to return to the Chamber, if you are not here now, to witness and be a part of this annual ceremony. We are ready to proceed as soon as the Sergeant-at-Arms informs me that we are ready to go.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. President, your Committee now escorting the honorees to the podium.