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with their understanding of valuation is that people want a reduction in taxes, and that's what you hear, whether you have an urban district, a suburban district, or a rural district. If the subject of property taxes come up, they want less taxes. LB 600 does not necessarily result in less taxes. It results in a change of the mix of who pays within the rural communities where agricultural property is located. That's the main difference between this and today. It does not reduce the cost of local government by one penny. But, having said that, for some 50 years now, in rural Nebraska, those who own agricultural property have been paying part of the service costs of the village people, and this doesn't take that away. This does moderate the increases. So, with that, I think I'll stop because given particularly the complexity of the wording, although the system isn't that complex, and listen to the comments of others on the floor and respond to questions, should there be any. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. You've heard the opening on AM2848 offered to the committee amendments to LB 600. (Doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Wickersham, on AM2848.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I rise to oppose Senator Coordsen's amendment. I will vote for the committee amendment when we get to that, depending on what happens to this amendment, but I cannot vote for this amendment, and let me try to be clear about why. What Senator Coordsen is suggesting is not insignificant. Let's get that out of the way. It is not insignificant and it does have a fiscal impact. Now, it may not reduce people's taxes, that's true, but it certainly has the potential to increase some people's taxes, and that's also true, and we'll talk about that later. But the amendment is what I wish to explain my opposition to. The portion of...there are two things in the amendment that I think have very substantial fiscal impacts, and could not and I cannot support them. First, there is discretion in the amendment given to a body of seven persons to increase the capitalization rate by up to 3 percent. Now, you wonder, I suppose, what the effect of increasing the capitalization rate by 3 percent is. Well, it is pretty significant, because the most sensitive portion of the