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articulated a principle better than Aristotle, better than Shakespeare, better than Jesus, and even better than former Mayor Daley of Chicago. He said you can't please everyone so you've got to please yourself. In pleasing myself, I am looking to what I think is in the best interest of the state and especially those city slickers who have no voice on this floor other than mine in this issue. So I'm going to take my whipping when you all put the votes up on the board, and I'm going to talk bad about my city slicker colleagues who gave a vote to advance a bill that they know is not good; they know it is not workable. They know it is unfair on its face. First of all, it is unfair to the city slickers by shifting \$29 million. Then even for those people who deal in ag and horticultural land, it's not fair to them either. So who is the one...who are the ones to be pleased by this bill? Obviously, the ones whose pockets are going to be fatter even at the expense of others whose pockets are going to be slimmer. I'm not going to support a bill like this at any stage of its consideration. I'm not going to mislead Senator Coordsen into thinking that somehow my mind has changed and I think this is a good bill. I think it is cynical for others to say I'm going to vote this bill to Select File, knowing good and well they are not going to support it, and there's nothing that...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Senator Coordsen can do with it to make them support it. This is not the kind of bill where there is a possibility of working your way to something that will make it better, make it more just, make it more equitable. This is not that kind of bill. This bill is like a balloon. If you squeeze the top of it, you make that small but the bottom gets bigger. So then you squeeze the bottom and the top gets bigger. So you squeeze it in the middle, and the top and the bottom get bigger but something is wrong in the middle. You are never going to make it right, whatever you're trying to make right, with this bill or a bill like it. If Senator Coordsen pulls this off, I might build a statue to Senator Coordsen and bow down and worship it. I will have seen a miracle. I will have seen a real life miracle. I will have seen a man do what "The Shadow" was supposedly able to do...