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in reconstructing the Workers' Compensation Court to make it more user friendly, and that's been more than ten years ago, it hasn't been changed yet. I alluded earlier to the resolution of the issue of juvenile, it was in juvenile justice of juvenile placements and a really serious fight between the county and juvenile courts and the state, and that was a priority bill that passed. In Nebraska, we have been afforded the luxury of ignoring those in production agriculture because they are always there. They always provide 75 percent of our balance of trade. They always provide the basis of our economy, and we believe we can drink the milk of economic wealth without ever feeding the producer of that milk. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Erdman, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I am not going to talk about LB 600, excuse me. I spoke on that on General File when that bill was up. I am going to talk about the A bill. One of the concerns that I have is when I look at the additional \$700,000 that is going to go to the Property Tax Administrator's Office is what they are actually spending it on now. We have I think over 70 employees running around the state out valuing land and doing things that they could probably already be doing this activity under their existing 4 million dollar budget. And so from that standpoint, you know I'm going to support Senator Chambers' motion to indefinitely postpone, not because of the fact that I don't support LB 600 as it's written, but because of the fact I think we can be responsible and if this is going to be their job, they're probably already collecting a lot of this information and they would have the employees and the staff there available. Another thing I'd like to point out, and this is something that obviously has come to light is that we have some counties that are now state assessors that have state assessors there. And when that process took place, one of the counties in my district, they got rid of all their old equipment, they got rid of all their old desks, they brought in all brand new computers, they brought in all brand new office equipment, they brought in a couple of additional new employees to do the job that was once done by three people. Now they have seven people out there. So we have a number of people