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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you respond to a question from Senator Hudkins?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Stuhr, when you say that TERC has taken over the duties and the responsibilities of the ag land valuation board, and that the decisions on valuations are made by that body, how do questions...or, let's say that one county has one valuation, and right across the border, a neighboring county has a different valuation, how does that difference get resolved? Who does that?

SENATOR STUHR: I believe, in the future and right now, the assessors do talk to each other. And as was mentioned before, the technology and the information that the assessors have today is much different than it was ten years ago.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. Thank you. Some of you may know--well, probably not, except for Senator Stuhr--my husband does serve on one of these ag land valuation boards. And he certainly does not need more meetings to attend. And Senator Stuthman, they do not get paid. This is a voluntary thing, because they think it's very important that the land values be the same or similar in neighboring counties. Now, is there a difference in land values in the southeast part of the state as compared to the northwest? Well, of course. But you're talking all kinds of different reasons. I think that I will not be supporting this bill, not just because my husband is on the board, but I think that these boards do provide a check and balance system. And I believe that it was the Seward County assessor who brought this to Senator Stuhr's attention, because, again, I believe that it was the Seward County assessor that was not valuing the property like it should have been. And the assessors are not for this, because they don't want the ag land valuation board looking over their shoulder. Yes, we need to get rid of boards that are no longer fulfilling a purpose. But in my opinion, this particular board is. It keeps everybody honest. So thank you, Mr. President. I'll turn the rest of my time back.