

of agriculture land that we have in Nebraska. Some of the estimates are that it will increase it by \$15 million and it may increase it more than that because we have agriculture land values going up especially here in eastern Nebraska. So we're going to hear some complaint for passing this bill and having the Department of Revenue implement it, but I think we need to explain to these people that complain that we are trying to follow the Supreme Court's decision. We're trying to follow our Constitution and if we don't want to do that, well then we need to change the Constitution and I feel that where we erred was last year when we did not pass that constitutional amendment because if we would have passed the constitutional amendment we would have allowed the people of Nebraska to say, yes, we believe that agriculture's land should be valued at a different way than other property in Nebraska. Remember, we did pass a constitutional amendment several years ago. The people voted it in, but the Supreme Court said it was not worded right and so they ruled in favor of some of the other property owners that brought their case with the Supreme Court. So I would urge you at this time to vote for LB 361 and later in the year or early next year vote for the constitutional amendment, LR 2.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to announce that Senator Lowell C. Johnson has a special guest under the north balcony, Mr. Bill Young from North Bend, Nebraska. Mr. Young, would you please stand. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Senator Johnson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: May I rise as a matter of personal privilege?

SPEAKER BARRETT: State your point.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I would like to, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to suggest that you join me this morning in two things. Number one, to recognize the importance of the popcorn industry in the State of Nebraska. In North Bend there is a center of production and processing of that product and our National Oats Company which operates a vast production and processing facility in North Bend. You've already met Mr. Bill Young of that North Bend facility. Number two, I would like to ask me to join me in commemoration of the announcement by the American Popcorn Institute earlier this month that Nebraska moved ahead of Indiana as the nation's