

hopefully, if some of you are concerned with those kinds of things we can discuss it for how it applies to this whole concept of property tax relief.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Discussion on the Lynch amendment? Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR LAMB:** Well, Mr. President and members, I rise to strongly oppose this amendment. I'm not going to challenge it on germaneness, although I think we could make a good case there. But I think that we're mixing oranges and apples, we're bringing in federal farm program payments into this issue where it does not belong. Also the 775 argument goes on and on, but this certainly is not an appropriate method or way or bill in which to deal with that issue. So I would just strongly urge the body to reject this amendment.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senators Chizek, Dierks, and Moore.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Mr. President, members, I oppose this amendment also. I really don't know what it has to do with what we're trying to do here. I think, like Senator Lamb said, it mixes apples and oranges, especially when you bring in federal farm programs. I know that's a sore spot with many, and the fact of the matter is it's a sore spot with me, too. But I don't see how it can relate to this issue. You have a per...Both LB 775 and this case the incentive or the federal farm or state programs, if there is such a thing in terms of state, you have a standard of performance for that contract. And I don't know why it should relate over to the property taxes that you pay on a local basis. It's interesting, if you're paying too many property taxes, we say that we've got to provide relief. But if you're spending more than you should for cost to government, in terms of payment of property tax, then we don't want to provide relief. And I don't understand that line of thinking. It seems to me that if you're paying property taxes then you should get relief in the performance of those property taxes on the same basis, and that is what this bill outlines, and I think that is the fair way. Again, I say I don't understand at all what the federal farm programs have to do with this issue, because regardless of where you're at you're going to be involved in receiving of those based on a contract that you perform, either in reduction of acreage, or another way you're going to have production that is not dependent upon farm