

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Robak, I'll try.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, I'm just curious. I did not read your amendment, I just read the handcut where claimants would include those with a disability, those 55 years of age or older, dependent children under age 18. I'm wondering how this will affect farmers that rent. I have quite a few farmers in my district that rent. Will they be exempted from...will this include them in their exemption?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Rent their homes...

SENATOR ROBAK: How about...they get an income from their farmland, though.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: This...this refers only to living quarters, Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: So this would not affect farmers then.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's...

SENATOR ROBAK: Farmers would not come under your rental exemption.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR ROBAK: I will give the rest of my time to Senator Nelson. Thank you.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Senator Robak. Certainly can tell that Senator Schimek happens to be city raised. (Laughter.) The farm rental is usually not specified, sometimes it is and sometimes it isn't. It could be an amount of 2,400, 3,000 dollars a year for use for those farm buildings, which could be a cattle feedlot, it could be feeding facilities, and so on and so forth. So there is more in it than renting of that home. And, as you probably should be aware, the 1 cent increase in sales tax or in this bill, I really, honestly, cannot think of a larger group of people that will be affected and to a large extent, and that is the young farmer that is renting and does not own any real estate. Taken...granted, he may have had a benefit all of this time in respect that he's not paying a set amount for his children to go to that Wood River High School. But, again, that was my question coming up, what were you going