

of the Nebraska Department of Revenue? (Laughter.)

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: I would hesitate to go that far. We reproduced the map as it was printed in the newspaper, and I didn't have time to show the...the remaining area of the state. I'm sure they...

SENATOR SCOFIELD: You may have generated great support for this concept, if that is in fact the case. If the Department of Revenue is leaving the Panhandle, that may be the most popular thing you've ever done down here.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: And I don't think there is any secession of sections to this bill.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I know there have been threats of secession, but nobody has ever threatened to kick us out before, but they might be happy with this particular proposal, since it's the Department of Revenue's jurisdiction. But, seriously, back on the issue, again, I think this is really a rational, responsible thing to do. We set the precedent before. And, Senator Rogers, I don't recall if your district, seems to me you had some railroad track in your district, I believe. Am I not correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Very, very little.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: But your...those counties did, in fact, accept the railroad reimbursement, didn't they?

SENATOR ROGERS: Very, very little.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: So I think the precedent is here. It is a right and proper thing to do, to again reimburse these counties and try to move ahead. What this again points up to is a need for us to be diligent as legislators and continue to focus on this issue and finally solve it. But the right thing to do today is to go ahead and advance the Johnson amendment and advance the bill, because it's...otherwise we simply raise people's property taxes. And so I would urge you to once again accept the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Lynch and Langford.