

state government. Maybe you remember when the people of Nebraska were told, in 1987, that they were going to get a revenue neutral income tax plan, and that that would not be a tax increase, and, suddenly, a year and two years later we found out that that was not at all the case. The people of Nebraska had been deceived and misled, and that there was, in fact, a tax increase. Last year we talked about a property tax relief plan that was going to take effect and relieve...give some relief on the property taxes of people who are overtaxed in our state; and yet now we find this year that no one's personal...no one's property taxes is really going down, and that, in fact, some of the farmers in the larger, more heavily populated counties, their taxes on their property is even going to go up substantially. Maybe you were here a few years ago when, I think it was last year or the year before, when it was said that, through deception and deceit, that there was going to be community consent in this state before any nuclear waste site dump was going to be located here. But then when the resolution and the bills came up to pass a right to vote on that issue, suddenly community's consent was no longer available. We can pass these three limited and very suspect proposals and pretend like it is a solution, but I suggest to you that that would just be perpetuating the deceit and misrepresentation that has been too long existing in state government. It is really not necessary that we vote on this resolution. I mean it is nonbinding. Eight of our members are absent. As a matter of fact, it may be embarrassing to some of our members who may vote against this resolution, and then in one or two years have to look back on that vote and realize that the proposals on this agenda did not solve the problem, and that the court decisions have, in effect, told us that these proposals are unconstitutional. But I appreciated the discussion we had here today. I appreciate my colleagues, many of whom stood up to support this resolution, and the important thing is not the resolution. The important thing is the petition letter that is being circulated that we can call ourselves into a special session to discuss all the alternatives and solutions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: I would ask you today, tomorrow on Friday, and this weekend, to consider and review the bills that have been introduced; ask, are they really a solution to this problem? I think the answer is obviously no. As you listen at the Revenue hearing on Friday, ask, will these bills withstand