

already know, some of you in the rural areas, the anger that a lot of city people feel at not only exemptions, but the subsidies that farmers get. Two years ago over 60 percent of the income of farmers of the net income was from direct government subsidies. You know this independent work ethic people who never stick their hand out, well, if 60 percent of my income was dropped in my pocket from the government, then I could say I'm independent, biggest beggars, moochers or sponges in the society. Then these farmers don't even understand math, Senator Schmit. A farmer would come to me if I make shoes and I say, I got to put \$50 worth of leather into a shoe that I can sell for \$10. They will say, dummy, if you put more into it then you can realize when you sell it, you're bound to go broke, do something else. Then the farmer comes here with a pitiful mouth and says, government, taxpayers, give me something because it costs me five cents to produce three cents worth of corn. I say, say that again. Well, I spend five cents on the corn and I get three cents for it.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I say, then why do you keep doing that? Well, I like to do it. It is my culture, it's my way of life. Well, how do you propose to live? I'm going to ask the taxpayers to give me some money because I never learned math very well, or I'm a shrewd, cunning con person and I'll get other people to pay money for my stupidity. These are the kind of issues that are developing not only around the county, but in Nebraska too. There is no rational basis under the kind of bill that has been presented to us for this amendment that I'm trying to strike. So I am asking that if you intend to pass this bill and adopt the committee amendments, you should strike all of this language relative to the center pivots and irrigation systems.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Hall and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment to the committee amendment because I feel that we need this...these four lines or five lines in here to clarify what we're trying to do. And the reason that we put that in, because we wanted to make sure that center pivot systems would not become a part of real property. Because when land is irrigated it goes into a higher value, and so the owner