

rural than others but the facts are that we either didn't understand what we were doing or we surrendered, we capitulated, we threw in the towel and any opportunity to obtain a fair situation is not going to take place. And my good friends over here who are in the huddle are cutting up the pie and they're carving the carcass of rural Nebraska into so many pieces. And I'm telling you, ladies and gentlemen, this is not a proud day for the Nebraska Legislature.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Hall, you're next. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. Senator Hefner, would you yield for just one quick question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hefner, would you respond?

SENATOR CROSBY: On the food tax thing, that...I'm sure that isn't on grocery sales. Some way or another you took food out of...how did you get that figure? How did you come up with the...how much people buy? You said \$3,300 a year.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Crosby, it was \$3,300...to get a \$164 credit, you would have to buy approximately \$3,300 a year and this would be a family for four.

SENATOR CROSBY: But where did you get that figure of \$3,300? I mean, who said that a family of four could live...could buy only \$3,300 worth of groceries a year and exist?

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, that...

SENATOR CROSBY: I'm not being sarcastic, I really am serious, I want to know where you got that figure because, to me, it's not a realistic figure at all.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Crosby, what would you say is a realistic figure?

SENATOR CROSBY: Or was it like a...was it like a hypothesis, a hypothetical figure?

SENATOR HEFNER: I said...I said in my opening I didn't know whether the \$41 food tax credit was the correct amount but we could adjust that up or down.