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as a continued planting tree. What...what are we doing? That tree is always there for the young children of Nebraska. And history tells us, history tells us that the price of that land continues to grow. You know, I really think you ought to change your position, Senator Lamb. You're going to go into the sunset here on April 14th and what a present you could give to the school children of Nebraska, this continued school land that's going to be going up. It's funny, up in my neck of the woods I don't see many good farmers selling their land. If it is, it's purchased by another farmer up there, another good farmer. What's going to happen to that school land if you sell 20,000 dol...20,000 acres of school land in a county? I wonder if those people in that county would like that. I doubt it very much. I would think it would drive that price down. And as far as Senator Schrock, he thinks the...that private individuals should have that land. That land was dedicated to the school children of Nebraska. Don't let us ever forget that. As far as the mixed portfolio that Senator Beutler is talking about, that can...that can go up and down but land continues to go up. It may go down but you always have it and it continues to go up. I would urge all of you to defeat LB 223.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess that Senator Robinson took care of most of the issues that I was going to discuss. I believe that, for Senator Beutler, financial institutions and corporations have been interested in buying our land. They've done it as recently as through the middle eighties when everything went to pot. They were anxious to get out then in the...when the market becomes accessible again, if they can get around Initiative 300 they will be back there trying to do it again. This is just a way that they work. And as far as land being in the ownership of individuals, I can understand that philosophy. But I think that this was a trust that was given our state by its forefathers and I wonder if we would be wise in removing that trust. I think this was set aside...this land was set aside to ensure in good times and in bad that there was money out there for the education of our children and I think we would be in violation of a very sacred almost trust to sell this land and do away with that guarantee. So I urge you not to support LB 223 and to let it die. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Before we go to the