

have a handful of farmers and other people who watch this debate. When I go back home to Bellwood, tonight, I'll drive straight through, because I don't want to stop and take any abuse, the usual abuse from my farmer friends, because it looks like we're going to reimpose the tax on personal property. I guess as a matter of priority you can fill the Devaney stadium with 15,000 people, a good portion of them farmers, but you couldn't get 500 farmers down here if you held a gun to their head and a pitchfork to their backside when their livelihood is at stake. And they won't understand what happens to them, very frankly, and I'm being individually critical, until that uniform and proportionate clause is repealed, how vulnerable they were. Just as they won't understand what happened to them when some of my colleagues on the floor here, and I hope that this lesson is not lost, I argued against the repeal of the uniform and proportionate clause as it pertains to agricultural land, because I said the day will come when an urban dominated Legislature will say we're going to clean up the water system by doubling the valuation and the taxable value of farmland. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a good example. My urban colleagues are going to say, with the help of Senator Wehrbein and a few others, they're laying the wood to us. And we're asking for it. In the case of ag land, if you think what's happening to us on personal property is bad, wait until they get to us on land, they'll make you scream. This will make...this will look like a cake walk. I can sell off some of my personal property, I can buy...get by with old tractors, I don't have to feed cattle, don't have to have a cow herd, although my farm lends itself well to livestock. But, ladies and gentlemen, you can't farm without land. Well there is one little advantage, if you keep the taxes high enough we won't be landowners, ladies and gentlemen, we'll be renters, we'll be renters, and that's the direction in which we are heading. I oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 1120. And one day, very rarely does it happen, but from time to time rural legislators express their appreciation to their urban colleagues. Many times on this floor I've done so, because many times urban legislators have voted in support of rural bills, not so often vice versa. But we took the tax off personal property 15 years ago, not because there were a preponderance of rural votes, but because Senator Labeledz and others, who were here at that time, voted to do so. I would hope that the game has not been played out. I would hope that some time...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.