

something less than a miracle that we are able to walk into any grocery store, any morning of the week, any part of the United States, and pick up a quart of fresh, pure, homogenized, wholesome milk, that we can do that. We do that because across the United States thousands upon thousands of individuals have invested resources and hard labor to guarantee us that supply of milk. So now we are going to put them in a position where they are in a very serious disadvantage, not just with other farmers, but other dairymen in other states. Dairy prices are not set on a local basis. They are set on a much wider basis, and we are putting another cost on the dairyman that is not necessary to be borne by the out-of-state dairymen. I would suggest that we ought to look at this, because if we continue to mess around with this, we are going to drive out of business the few dairies we have left, and that would be a sad mistake. One of the things that concerns me, again, about the whole process is that we seem to get back to the cost to agriculture, time after time. I want it known that I would be just as vigorously opposed to this bill if it impacted adversely upon business or industry or the homeowner as I am because of its adverse impact upon agriculture. I do believe it will have an adverse impact upon the homeowner. But the facts are that we are not going to know that until it is too late. But a year from now I predict, just as it happened with 773 and 1059, you will stand on this floor and say, well, we had no idea, we had no idea how much business equipment was going to fly from the inventory sheets, and, therefore, that was a major reduction in the valuation and we had to have an increase in the levy to take care of that. Now for those of you who are rural, and we have seen Senator Haberman's handout, I don't know, Senator Haberman, if he is here, I would like to ask him a question. Senator Haberman, does your amendment or does your information pointing out the changes in the state aid and the changes in the 1059 money take into consideration a change in value on business equipment in the urban areas? Do you...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schmit, I got the figures from the Department of Education. That is all I know, I just got the figures, and that is what it is going to cost.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, thank you, Senator Haberman, for your frankness and your honesty. I do not know, Senator Haberman doesn't know, I doubt if the Department of Education knows whether the numbers that they received take into account, not only the escalation in valuation of the inventory in rural