

that. Now Senator Elmer says it would be so much fairer to use the other system. We have heard people talk about how, on LB 1063, we have just thrown stuff together, it's a haphazard bill that is about ready to fall over like a deck of cards, and now Senator Elmer has got to the real truth, that it is a carefully crafted bill with everything calculated in here to come out just perfectly, that Senator Landis, Senator Warner, and I, I think it was a year ago at this time, sat down in a small room and we crafted everything including the fertilizer amendment from yesterday I think. We might have had the date off just a little bit but, otherwise, it was crafted very, very carefully, and that this theory that it is a ramshackle bill that was just thrown together at the last minute haphazardly is totally incorrect, Senator Elmer, and I appreciate your compliments to us in that regard. The point I think I did want to say is I...Senator Schmit said something with which I am in total agreement, that is, he said these numbers, 1059 numbers, don't make a difference, and he is 100 percent right as far as that is concerned. But there seems to be a lot of interest in them, as if that is somehow one of the sinister things that the bill deals with. Senator Schmit didn't vote for 1059, so there is no baggage there in his department, but everybody who did vote for 1059 should have understood that it is a valuation-based formula, and those valuations are not static. They don't stay the same forever. Those valuations change every year, and every time they change as a result of more property being purchased or a deflated economy where there isn't property being purchased, ag land values go up because of court action, they go down because of constitutional amendment, all of those things factor into it. As far as what these numbers are, Senator Schmit, I know you asked Senator Hefner...no, you didn't. You asked Senator Haberman, I am getting confused with my H's up here, you asked Senator Haberman what these numbers reflected, and he indicated they were what came from the State Department of Education. Senator Schmit, these numbers do, in fact, purport to include the current status of LB 1063. They do not include inventories in the agricultural area. That was one of your questions. They don't because 1063 doesn't put inventories in the agricultural sector back on the tax roll. They purport to include the changes in valuation of personal property in the urban areas because that is what 1063 does. The limitations of these numbers are fairly significant and they are based on the studies done by the Department of Revenue. If you disbelieve the Department of Revenue numbers, then you need to disbelieve these numbers because that is what they are based on.