

is this morning's copy of the Lincoln Star which tells us that, in huge headlines, that if we pass this proposal that property tax relief is on the way. Four times in recent years in this body we have watched the same charade. First we have the legislative fight and all the promises, then we come to this spot where we are at today, the final vote, with headlines just like these, and we have seen it time after time after time, that say that we're going to have tax relief if we just pass this kind of a constitutional amendment or this kind of a bill. How many remember LB 775? I stood on this spot and asked Senator Vard Johnson what was going to be the cost? And he said, not very much, seven to nine million dollars per year. The facts are that those costs are far in excess of that amount as of now. LB 773 was not going to be much of a tax increase either. Well, we know that it turned out to be a substantial tax increase and there are those who think it might have been the largest tax increase we had in the history of the state, large enough, at least, that we had to come back and roll back at least a small part of it. LB 1059 was going to lead us to the paradise of property tax relief and, of course, my good friends in Lancaster County have noticed something substantially different, as have citizens in many other districts across the state. Of course, most of you don't remember because you were not here. When Senator Cullan, Sam Cullan of western Nebraska was going to straighten out the railroad taxes and was going to make it equitable and a better tax system, turned out that we spent four years trying to straighten out the problems that were created by that bill. It started a pattern, a pattern which should concern all of us, and this is the way it goes. The administration, doesn't make any difference which it is, comes up with a proposal, the official engines and instruments and agencies of government are cranked up and mobilized to put out figures which support the proposal notwithstanding what the truth might be. The media becomes involved and instead of functioning as an investigative or research department, they merely become propaganda machines to promote the big deception, and time after time after time we have heard that on this floor and read it in the media and over the news that this is the only alternative. Not true. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the big deception is under way now. You've all seen the property tax relief is going to be promised, has been promised as a result of these proposals. I predict it will really be a substantial tax increase, just like in the past. But this time on the record, I want to tell you what is really going to happen. I believe the projections of the Revenue Department are erroneous. The