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be, those folks in a high levy county are going to basically make out better than those counties that are in a low levy area, and that is where the rub is. The folks who have gotten off so well over the years because of the current unfair system are screaming because they hate to see something put in place that, as Senator Conway offers it, that it would be equitable in terms of how we deal with automobiles in a fee schedule as opposed to the ad valorem basis. Right now under the current system, the purchase price of the car doesn't even apply for purposes of personal property tax. If I go into a dealer and buy a new car, and I am able to negotiate a great deal. For example, a car lists at \$15,000, and I can go in there and buy it because it is an overstock, they are having a bad year, because I took Senator Landis in to negotiate the deal with me for \$11,000, when I go down to the county court house in Douglas and say I am here to license...

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...my car, for purposes of personal property taxes, the assessor, or the treasurer, or the county clerk has the ability and does raise the value of that car back up to what they determine the value to be. So even though I bring in the purchase price of that vehicle on the sales receipt, I am going to pay personal property, not on what the sales price was, what the market would bear, I am going to pay on what is determined by a bureaucrat with regard to the ad valorem basis, or the value of that property for purposes of taxation. At least under this system that Senator Conway offers, it is done in a uniform structured basis that everyone knows what they are going to be paying. I think it is a far better approach, I know it is a far better approach in my county because of the rate that we're...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...forced to pay than the current system that is across-the-board inferior, in my opinion, than what Senator Conway offers.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Conway. Senator Lamb. Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. In