

SENATOR SCHMIT: Put it all back on and adjust it accordingly or take it all off, but we should not do it in a halfhearted manner, and so I am going to reserve judgment on this but I am really concerned about this type of system whereby we amend the Constitution in this manner.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson, you are next.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I passed around for you, this is some information that I worked on last spring, and as the discussion on the taxes and so on, it was not needed at that time. I have available for inspection for anyone the sales in Clay, Buffalo, Hall, Valley, and I believe there is another, fifth, county, and the actual assessed valuation of rural, commercial, residential property varies almost identical throughout the board. So, in fact, in my own instance, if there is anything that is undervalued, it is my residence in Grand Island. I passed out, as you can tell, it doesn't do any good, Senator Wesely, to talk about putting ag equipment back on the tax rolls or the land when the City of Lincoln is primarily supported by public employees and by employees that are either state employed or university employed and so on, and that is the employees that I still see an increase in their take-home pay for next year and maybe the next year and so on. In the ag community, you don't see that. So I don't think we are necessarily comparing apples for apples. My...these are the exact figures in the Doniphan School District as of March 20th of this year and tells you who pays the most tax in the rural or the urban districts. If you have a district that is all urban, it isn't going to be the same. Some small Class III districts, they are paying 80, 83, 84 percent that goes into school tax. So I very much agree with Senator Wesely in this respect, and Senator Warner, I hope that we don't come down to an urban and a rural split. Let's talk about taxing, Senator Warner has convinced me that it is questionable on intangibles. Let's talk about the credits on LB 775. We, out in God's country, stand out there and hold our hands, we don't have the same thing as we have done in Omaha, down towards the river. Let's tax the services, and let's tax the degrees, the doctors, the lawyers, and maybe the homestead exemptions. Let's talk about it all if we are going to talk about it. Don't just pinpoint that person that is not able to pass that tax on to anyone else. If we all sell shirts, you put the price of the shirt up a nickel, but you