

have someone to help support me. And, you know, I don't disagree with you. I think real estate taxes are too high, and I think we should get together and talk the thing over. I don't think...I don't think one side has bent over enough to look at the other side. I have got a lot of problems with my district, I can tell you that. The biggest problem I have is the words "fair and equal". If you put a tax on farm equipment, you will never convince me that it's fair and equal. In fact, Senator Ashford even admitted it wasn't fair and equal, and even Senator Lynch, in so many words, admitted it wasn't fair and equal because we not only pick on the farmers, we pick on the small businessman. No doubt about it, and I have got a lot of small business people. What do we do with that vast number of people out there that would not pay anything if these taxes stayed on? I am one of them. It wouldn't cost me anything. What is going to happen to those five or six thousand doctors we've got in Omaha, what are they going to pay? They aren't going to pay one lead cent. What are the lawyers going to pay? What are all the corporate executives going to pay down at US West? I was hoping Senator Chizek would be here for that one. But what are they going to pay? They are not going to pay anything. What are college professors going to pay? What are school administrators going to pay? Nothing. It is always fine to zap that guy that is going to pay, though. I can't do that, folks, I can't do that. What have we done about lowering property tax? Well, I can tell you one thing we have done. We have done 1059. OPS is going to get 54 million bucks this year. Bellevue, 16 million. Millard, 28 million. Papillion, close to 13 million. Little town of Bennington is going to get 1 million. You know we have 50 schools in the State of Nebraska whose general levy does not equal \$1. Maybe we ought to look at that. Maybe we ought to look at that. Do you know how many homestead exemptions we have in the State of Nebraska? Take a guess, how many homestead exemptions do we have in the State of Nebraska? How does 50,000 sound? How does 50,000 sound? Got it right here, 50,000 homestead exemptions. I don't know, is it too many, or isn't it enough, or should we raise it, raise it to 100,000, I don't know, but it is a lot of people, isn't it, 50,000 homestead exemptions; \$35,000 they don't pay anything. I don't know, maybe it is a good thing. Maybe we ought to look at it. Howard Lamb, I don't know how many times he said community colleges, we have got a property tax on community colleges. Maybe now is the time to look at it and get rid of it. We've never really taken a good look at it. Never taken a good look at it. Do we need a personal property tax? I am not convinced we need a personal