

move out of the state if they've got a lot of cattle because they figure, well, I can get a better break somewhere else, because we're giving them no breaks and you know that. I kind of liked Professor Hartnett's amendment which, in fact, did just that. It held the homeowner harmless. Maybe that's the kind of an amendment we need. Senator Crosby was right when she said in the long run people will pay taxes, we can talk all we want about who will move and who won't move and what we should and what we shouldn't do. Some of us are sympathetic. I'm sympathetic to the inventory tax and even the livestock problem. I sometimes may disagree with the difference between livestock that produces other livestock as compared to machinery that you have in your businesses and the difference and there probably isn't any. But Senator Kristensen also mentioned that, Senator Kristensen, that people back home say when are we going to get on with solving the tax problem.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: When I go home people keep telling me, are you going to do something to protect the homeowner for a change? There aren't too many of us down there, we're back home working for a living and paying our taxes and we're not behind the glass but do something for us for a change too, will you? So every time from now on when we talk about some more exemptions, please remember that we should, whatever we do, simply hold the homeowner harmless. One last quick thing. Senator Robak mentioned about taxes being higher in Illinois than they are here. We checked over there in Wheaton, Illinois and called the assessor and, by the way, that 10,000 tax, I wish she was here, her daughter said she's paying us compared to a 100,000...to the 3,000 here is not true. Ten thousand dollars in Wheaton, Illinois will buy a house of about 400,000. In Columbus, Nebraska it will buy a house of \$416,615. We happened to call that county as well. And in Omaha it buys a house of about 380,000. So, Senator Robak, wherever you are, and for the rest of the Legislature, please understand that she was absolutely wrong. The taxes in Illinois, if anything, are higher than they are in Nebraska.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Rogers, you are next.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and body, you know we've had, I think, two amendments to the committee amendments already and I