

down on ag land valuations. There was a little meeting down in the Judiciary Committee room that at that time Chairman of the Ag Committee, Rod Johnson called, at the urging of myself. And we talked about having a special session to change the Constitution for ag land valuations. And what happened in that meeting? Senator Schmit said no, no, no, don't worry about it. The court is not really going to go any further, ag land values...we don't need to do this. We don't need to change the Constitution. Well, being younger then, I and the others just said, okay, maybe Loran has a point, maybe he is right. We believed him, and ag land valuations went about 50 percent since then because of that, because had we changed that, we put it at the voters in '88, we would not have had to raise them so much in '89. And so if you're thinking about following Schmit again to do nothing, just remember in recent history that track record. And maybe that was one of the few times Senator Schmit was wrong, because usually, unfortunately in my opinion, Schmit is often right. But that time, Senator Schmit, even though you were one of the two no votes on putting it back on the tax rolls, it did go...we raised it significantly, and it had to be done in '88...in the '88 election, we could have...things would have been drastically different. Once again now, if you wait, do nothing, and as Senator Lamb...you know, go to Senator Lamb, it's like he's a man afraid to jump off a sinking ship and swim because he's afraid he's going to drown if he jumps in the ocean. Well I'm at least going to jump in and swim to shore, try, otherwise you're going to get it anyway, because exactly what Senator Lamb outlined is what...worse than that is going to happen. So at least, Senator Lamb, don't just ride the sinking ship down to the depth of the ocean. For golly sake, at least jump in and try and swim. You've got a chance that way. I guess you're a little narrow minded to do that. The water is shallow. If the water is shallow, then don't worry about it, you're right, then you can walk into shore, which I think you're going to do it anyway, Senator Lamb. But it's one of those things where I don't know, I don't know if there's...you know, Senator Beutler talks about, and Senator Schimek, applaud her for going out on the limb and saying we won't return to the status quo. Now it's one of those things you make it sound like it's because exemptions...property tax...or because of exemptions, that is why property taxes are unburdensome in the state, they're burdensome in the state. Well, you know, how about the reason property taxes are high is we collect per capita, you know, we're even before (inaudible) now we're in the top ten, now we're still high. Property taxes, no matter how