

That's what's going to happen at this point. You're going to erode that base as it relates to personal property in rural areas. Maybe it's not going to affect me in Omaha but it clearly affects the state base, if you will, in terms of sales tax, and never supported that issue in terms of reducing the base, always come from the other side saying we need to remove exemptions that exist in the current system and not create new ones. In response to Senator Wickersham's comments with regard to the reporting requirements, the first part to the Lowell Johnson amendment to LB 3, it is an issue of having uniformity as its handle, although there are counties, I'm sure, as Senator Wickersham pointed out, where the assessors do know everyone out there. The fact of the matter is, is that what you do by offering the forms requiring the forms be reported is I think you reduce the potential cost. Yeah, there's going to be 90 percent, very likely, of those individuals who come in and report or call and ask for that form if you don't have the mandatory requirement out there. The expense that would be generated to try to collect that other 10 percent on the part of the county assessors will probably far exceed the mandatory requirement of sending out that form. To go out and collect the cost from those individuals who are late pays, slow pays that you have to go out and badger in order to get the money if they have it, not to mention the liens and the foreclosure that very likely could take place in those cases where they just can't afford it because they don't have the money, those costs are going to far exceed...and some of those will continue to be there even under this system, granted. But those costs will far exceed the mandatory requirement. They will clearly cut down on the confusion that exists today in the system where one county is dealt with one way and another county is dealt with differently. One county, a guy happens to farm or do business in two different counties, he gets his form in the mail because the county happens to choose to do it that way because that's the way that assessor likes to do it, the other assessor feels that he knows everybody and he'll just let them come in and report as they have done honestly over the last 30 years. The problem is...exists or comes about when folks don't come in because they figure, well, maybe they don't collect it over in this county, maybe they do deal with it differently. You need a uniform application and I don't think the reporting requirement or the sending out of that form on the part of the assessor is too burdensome, too expensive in order to generate that revenue that stays at the local county level to help pay the salaries of those people in those offices to help offset the real estate