

contained therein are hardest on young farmers who are buying equipment and leasing their land. They have nothing to balance out their tax load. Other farmers whose equipment taxes may go up, their land taxes will go down and can balance it out. But the young farmers who are renting all their land have no balancing effect, they, from 1063, were slapped with a brand new tax. We've had hearings in ag committee this year and last year where we have sat around and been very concerned about who will be farming in the future. And I know who I want to be farming in the future and that's small, independent farmers, not corporate farms, and while that's not possible now, it may very well be in the future. And once corporate farms take over, you will truly understand how important food is because it will then cost what it should cost. It's quite ironic that the people that control the production of a most important product in the world have absolutely no say over their prices and thus are helpless when their taxes increase because they have no way to compensate as businesses do. And I wish...I like this bill, I like the provisions in it and I wish I was in Senator Lamb's situation where I could throw a little shot on the chin to maybe the Governor and the urban senators as I'm walking out the door, here take this with you. See you. It's been nice knowing you. But I intend to be back and it's been a fun little ride on LB 3 to do what is right, I think, but when that ride stops next session I can count and I know how it could work. Look on the board now, there's 21 senators from Lincoln and Omaha. Next year it's going to be two more, 23. So we put this on now and go home and I can tell my constituents, or since it is an election year, if we want to get real, my voters, my farmers, boy, look what I did for you, took the cattle off. Pretty nice, huh? Of course, I won't mention what may happen next year. Anything we put on now can come off next year and I have heard urban senators discuss it already, be careful what you put on because when it comes time to pay the piper you may be sorry. We put this on now, which I want to do very badly, we may really get thumped in the future. We have to depend on the good will and the common sense of this entire body. As Senator Schmit said, it's not the same playing field as it was in the past, the rural senators are now in a minority. And we can have a little fun right now putting this bill...this amendment on but I intend to be back to see the results. And while Senator Lamb will be reading the paper from his rocking chair on his front porch, the results could be very devastating, more so than 1063 can be to rural Nebraska. So I urge all of my colleagues who really want to vote for this, which, myself, I am included in that group, to