

6.5 percent, that's...that's where we start figuring what it was worth was the \$1,000 plus the sales tax. If we reduce the sales tax, we don't count that sales tax, the valuation of that property is less by 6.5 percent, so we are reducing the beginning level of valuation for all these products by this amendment by a considerable sum of money, \$4.6 million. It ought not to be done...it certainly should be done without a bill being introduced and a hearing being held. I'm standing here somewhat filibustering because I haven't really made up my mind what I'm going to do on this particular amendment. Part of me wants to bring it to a vote. Part of it doesn't. The main reason for introducing the amendment was to bring about the discussion. We've had the discussion. Hopefully, people are now convinced LB 3 is not good tax policy to take place during this special session and having fulfilled that need, I believe at this time I will withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, the amendment is withdrawn. Do you have anything further, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to return.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair, and members, this, of course, is a procedural motion to give me a chance to speak one last time. I will...I plan to withdraw the motion. But I think this is crucial. I think this is crucial. We've got...we've got a printout here that shows that urban areas are getting millions of dollars in additional state aid because of LB 1059; \$4 million for Millard; Anselmo-Myrna loses 37 percent of their state aid to the school, \$125,000. Now what we're seeing is a continual drain on the rural areas. We're seeing it. And here is a bill that does very little. It's a fair bill. It's a fair bill. And then we get...it doesn't affect Omaha a nickel's worth. It doesn't affect Lancaster County a nickel's worth. How many cows are not going to be on the tax roll in Douglas and Lancaster County? Very, very few as a result of this bill, as a result of this bill. We have got the state aid printout where all these, you know, Lincoln Public Schools gets an extra \$1.6 million under the provisions of 1059. Bellevue gets big amounts. Ralston gets big amounts. But then you look...you look at Scribner, Scribner loses 44 percent of their state aid under the bill. We're seeing a continuing erosion of our rural areas in an administration that says, we've got to do things for