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paramount concerns, perhaps not this morning but as we make decisions into the future. What we're doing, the policies we have are not very rational, they're not very reasonable, not reflected in LB 1, but the overall impact to the outstate areas that we represent is the transfer of monies to other areas at the same point in time when the amount of money available to pay those taxes go down,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...and down, and down. Senator Chambers made reference to a rural coalition. There does not exist a rural coalition in the same manner that there exists an urban coalition, because it is a function of the areas we represent. We do not represent, Senator Robak and myself, only farmers. We do not represent, Senator Byars, only large educational systems. All of us who have rural districts of any size have all of the myriad of governmental services, all of the ways of making a living...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...from employment in telecommunications and everything else. We have a much, much more difficult time balancing all of the needs of our constituents. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam President, members of the body. I've gone all the way through this session without speaking on the issue at all, and thought I would succeed today. Some of the comments made earlier I felt a need to stand and speak a little bit and try to relay some of my thoughts. Very appreciative of Senator Schellpeper's remarks because I think my feeling on LB 1 is very similar to his in a mirror image sort of capacity. Had he not spoken in a statesman like manner, as he did, indicating the problems he saw with LB 1, but that he was going to go ahead and vote for it anyway, I may have made remarks slightly harsher than I am planning on making at this point. I'm in a very similar position, though. I do not like LB 1. I do not like LB 1 because of the real estate portion of it. I think it's interesting though. There are a lot of us from the urban areas, I know Senator Hartnett, Senator Horgan, others have visited with the real estate people who have a very legitimate concern, I think. I mean these are people who were