

dollars an acre and actually what it will pay out and give you in return is 150 dollars an acre, so it's clear out of line if they use that. I know when the one piece of property sold and then the county assessor turned it in and says that he don't want to use this for figuring the valuation, well, then the state equal board of assessments, they sent it back and said you got to use it, and I think that's not right because it's way above what it was actually worth and what it would return the people. So it should be set on the productivity side of it. And Senator Vrtiska brought out the fact that the house is set out separate, it's not figured in the ag land, so we're just talking about the real estate ground itself, not the houses out there. So, again, thank you, but I am going to support Schrock's amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I rise to support the Schrock amendment also. I don't see how this amendment is going to kill a 292CA package. I think this is a very important amendment to the rural area when you look the way that we fund government and schools in the rural area. There's a very hard hardship right now on ag land 'cause basically ag land picks up most of the educational expense in most of our rural areas. With this body not willing to increase any sales or income tax to fund education in this state, more than what we do currently, I think if we don't have this amendment there's going to be the move to always increase that value or to make sure that you get more dollars to increase the value, get more dollars so that we have more dollars to fund local government, to fund schools. I think this body has to make a commitment that if we're going to put more dollars into education eventually that it needs to come from sales or income taxes and not from the value of land and property. I think property and land both are valued too high now. They are not only valued too high, they are also taxed too high. The economy of this state is moving more toward a service industry. We need to move away from taxing land and property, move to taxing more services. Every other state is moving in that direction. They're moving away from property. They're moving to taxing all kinds of services. The bill that I had in the Revenue Committee