

to put a tax on food I think is a good bill. I know it's not popular with some urban senators, but it's something that if we're ever going to have meaningful relief in this state that's going to have to be part of the package 'cause when you can raise a hundred and some million dollars that's going to be very important. But I think 80 percent value on farmland is a fair value. I don't like to see any property valued over 100 percent. I know we have some there currently and it shouldn't be there, but in order to get that happy medium I guess you have to do that. But this amendmert, contrary to what has been said, I don't think is going to hurt any part of the property tax package. 'Cause I think it's only...would only put in the constitution then what I think the people in this state said several years ago when they said it should be at 80 percent. So rather than being in the statute, it would be in the constitution. Then I think you have a little bit of a leverage or a lid at least where property tax can go and that maybe will allow this body to say we have to move then to a sales or income tax. Without this amendment, I don't see anything that's going to keep this body from saying, well, let's put ag land at 90 percent and then let's eventually not raise sales or income tax. But if that's where we're going to be headed, which I think we have to be with the way everything is going, especially if one of the CAs pass that are currently being circulated out there, then definitely we would have to move to a sales or income tax or taxes on services or something like that. But I think this amendment is a good amendment that will not hurt the package any. It would just put it in the constitution where it should be.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I need to respond a little bit to Senator Kristensen and Senator Warner. Would like to tell you what's taking place in our neighbors south of us. The valuation of property in Kansas is in their constitution. It says that residential property shall not be assessed at more than 11.5 percent of market value, that commercial property shall not be assessed at more than 25