

these functions and that because of that there needs to be a shift, then that's where it ends up. I don't think we're at that point yet, but that may be where it ends up. But I think by maintaining the Schrock amendment we are running the risk of not only bringing down the whole package but also, in so doing, we've already seen the debate start to disintegrate. We're going back to our old entrenched positions of ag pays this much too much. You know, if we get into that debate you're going to see people like me and Senator Hilgert and Senator Wesely coming in with homestead efforts, with efforts to limit the valuations as far as residential property goes. We're going to have the same debate that we've been having for the last 10, 15, 20 years. We're going to get into talking about exemptions and that, as we know, has not been productive. It has not led to the type of comprehensive property tax relief that I think the...I think there is a...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WILL: ...that one consensus on the floor of the Legislature is that that is what citizens are talking about--there needs to be some limitations on property taxes. If there's going to be pain, it needs to be spread around. And once we start saying that it's going to go to one sector more than the other, beyond the...what I would call a fairly carefully crafted package that we have in front of us, not ideal, as I stated, it's not the way I would have written it, but it's probably not the way any one individual on this floor would have written it either, I think that's what probably makes it a good package. The fact is that everyone is taking some lumps, hopefully for the benefit of the property tax payers of the state of Nebraska. I hope that we can maintain that package by reconsidering the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I...this is a troublesome issue. Of course, the Schrock amendment is not venial or evil. I don't think everybody whose name starts with a W is a whiner. I did begin to worry about Senator Chambers. He worried about me the other day making it through the night. I worried about him making it through the afternoon. I've always hunted for opportunity since, in my very brief tenure, hunted for opportunities to join together with my