

the vote. It was the correct vote. You knew what you were voting on. I haven't heard anything that should result in changing that vote and returning to that slippery, slimy, fly-encrusted vomit.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I don't believe this should be a rural-urban vote. I don't believe it is agriculture versus the rest of the state. I think it is a fairness issue. Senator Crosby, I don't want to move to Kansas. For some reason or another, their property tax system is a lot different in the state of Kansas. I see nothing wrong in looking how other states tax property, and we are high. We are very high. We talk about special consideration, I voted for the Micron package. Now I am asked to vote for the UP package. Some of us, as property owners in the state of Nebraska, don't have the opportunity to move and go to other states and say, what kind of a deal will you give me? We've got to come to the Legislature and say, what kind of a deal will you give me? Well, apparently not much. A lot of... a lot of people out there in the farming industry, over half of their profits going to pay for property taxes. Now I guess if I was a homeowner in this state, or a commercial property owner, I'd want the guarantees that my property is not going to be taxed at more than 100 percent of its market value. I am really surprised at the uproar. Senator Landis, I don't see you, but I would guess if we would tax ag land at its income-producing value, the Supreme Court stopped that, if we would tax ag land at its income-producing value, we will be paying about, the agricultural community in this state would be paying about half as much property tax as they are paying now, and you are nodding yes or no, or at least they would be paying a substantially less amount of money. So does that mean if this reconsideration is successful that you would come back in next year and help me introduce a constitutional amendment that we can tax ag land at its income value? I don't suppose the Supreme Court will let us do that, but other states do. It is unfortunate. It really is unfortunate. You take a lot of these school districts, I think Minden is one that comes to mind. Probably 20 percent of their students come from the farm, but the ag land pays for 80 percent of the school budget. I am really surprised that you are not in favor of keeping this, which means, to me, that down the road ag land shall be increased to 90 percent or 100 percent, and then