

in my district that have actually gone down to Missouri to buy land and start doing their agriculture actions down there because they think land...land taxes are too high and they can't afford it. What that means to me is that many of the young people, who we depend on to take over the farming operations, aren't going to be here because they can't afford to pay...put in crops and pay the taxes that are going to be there whether they raise a crop or not. That's the issue that everybody is forgetting. It doesn't make any difference whether you raise 10 bushels of corn or 110 bushels of corn, you still pay that same amount of tax. And I don't...I just don't see this as an issue. I heard Senator Landis say that...about the gains that would be for the farm. It isn't a gain, it's an equity situation. We are trying to get it into equity with the rest of the...with the rest of the base of the tax, rest of the tax base. Our farms right now are paying about 60...would be paying about 60 percent of the tax load in this state, and I don't know that that's right when you try and encourage young people to go in and farm. You know, I don't see anything wrong with Micron or with 775 or UP or any of those bills. I think they are good bills for the people they help, but what's the matter with helping some of the ag part of the country with some kind of assistance too because, basically, it's the same thing. I think Senator Schrock brought that out awhile ago. We are willing to do those things for the other people, and I helped on some of those bills. I don't think it's all that bad. Some of the people in my district think it's bad, and the reason they think it is bad is because we haven't done anything for them, and it puts me in a real dilemma to stand here and say that we are going to continue to help and I certainly agree in bringing industry into this state, and the reason I agree with it, and I've said this over and over and over again, as I talk to people, the reason is because the ag...the ag econ...the ag cannot support the economy of this state anymore. There just isn't enough money out there being earned by people in agriculture to provide the support of our whole system in this state. It just makes me...it just makes me feel like I'm probably walking up a steep hill because I can see what the attitude is since you turned around and reversed the position here, but I'm telling you right now that I am not going to...I am going to support the Schrock amendment because I think it's the right thing to do. I think some of these other things we've done was the right thing to do, and I don't quite understand yet why if something is now being done, if it's in the constitution