

25 to 30 percent property tax relief when we did LB 1059, the one that passed, Senator Wesely, you know a few years ago on school finance, but do you know what happened? What happened was only in certain areas of the state were there property tax relief, and other parts of the state there was no property tax relief because of the way that the schools were funded. And do you know what happened? The level of property taxes went from a point to a lower point and then continued to go up. And guess what? When you pass this bill and along with it LB 299 and the others, we are going to drop statewide, after the caps take effect two years from now down the line, we will drop, as Senator Bromm was saying, maybe 30 percent, 25, 30 percent property tax relief, and the people will think their problem was solved because they will be paying less taxes. Now this will be at a time when land values will have gone up, certain people will have no property tax reduction at all, and they think they are going to have a property tax cut. This will be a time when there will be a noticeable property tax reduction on the levy and they may actually pay less on property taxes in many areas, but it will continue to go up again, and they are going to say, I thought you guys were going to do something. In fact, I suspect the public thinks that next year they are going to see property tax relief, and do you know what the perception is going to be then? I thought you people were going to do something, my taxes went up next year. And they will because the spending lids aren't going to do it on the property tax side. Talk about perceptions, the perception is that we've done something on property tax. All you've done is forced the crisis to decide whether we are going to shift the burden to another tax field. That's all we are doing here today.

SENATOR WESELY: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's a process and I want to, before I forget, I want to have a call of the house and a roll call vote on this particular motion. All we are doing today is setting up a process to deal with a crisis that we will create to shift taxes, and I wonder what my rural colleagues are going to do when if cattle prices are still down or the price of corn is still up but they don't have enough to sell and they are raising cattle so it's costing them more money. I wonder if their constituents are going to say, yes, please increase taxes a year from now. And I wonder what Omahans and Lincolnites are going to say when we say we'd like to increase income taxes and give