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believe that's okay. I think we want to do this, but it is not on the face of it a property tax reduction program. There are those of my age that seem to believe that it's an entitlement program. It is not an entitlement program. It is a program that we've had in the state of Nebraska statute books for many, many years, a good program that's designed to keep...help keep low-income elderly and disabled people in their homes where they are both happier and healthier, as a general rule, and able to live out their lives in much more comfort, and at less expense to the state of Nebraska than if they were being supported in a facility from Medicaid. Now with respect to the rest of the committee amendment, and I do support the increase in the amount of total value from 50,000, which is the current cap, of a person's home for 100 percent of those taxes to be paid by the state of Nebraska on behalf of the rest of the citizens, to 60,000. There seems to be some misunderstanding here on the floor from time to time that those of us from the rural areas do not understand the problems that are brought about by increasing property values and those sorts of things, and various development areas that come about in the urban areas that create real problems, real problems for people on fixed income. I also think that the increase from...for qualifying at any level on the value of the home from 95,000 to 175,000 is, again, a positive step to help those people who are seeing drastic increases in their home valuation which may be brought about simply because the land under which this relatively low-value home has...has a high value for other purposes and creating problems for fixed income folks. But most importantly, and this is something I think we need to fix in our mind, is that when we speak of income we're speaking of total income, tax-exempt as well as taxable income, and when we raise...and this...there's a lot of charts in here, but we're raising the minim...the maximum qualifying from...for 100 percent of the taxes...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...from 18 to 22 thousand for a married couple or people living together. Those dollars are not directly translated into salary. That is essentially what take-home pay is. So we have to be careful on the upper end that we don't get the qualifying for a portion of the property tax through the Homestead Exemption Program so high that the