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Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Quandahl. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I would like to echo some of the same concerns that Senator Quandahl has just illuminated for us, and, according to the Omaha World-Herald, it does say 7 to 20 percent, and it is only on residential property, not on commercial. And it's interesting because it's widely believed in Douglas County that our commercial property is undervalued, not our residential, and what this TERC has decided to do was to do an across-the-board 7 to 20 percent raise on our residential property only in Douglas County, and not giving Roger Morrissey, our new county assessor, the time to remedy what his predecessors have done which has caused the consternation to the TERC. So, frankly, after some brief discussions with our county assessor, Roger Morrissey, and of what has been detailed in the press regarding this decision, regarding Douglas County, my confidence in the TERC and the way we do things here has been shaken tremendously. A 7 to 20 percent increase on residential property when it's actually the commercial that is undervalued is, frankly, and a result which I share with Roger Morrissey is I don't understand it. I don't understand it, and I just wanted to join Senator Quandahl, and I believe Senator Kiel, who's going to speak next, that we're very, very concerned with what's happening and our confidence is, frankly, shaken. And it is on residential property, not on commercial, and it is...it's just unbelievable. In fact, with our bond issue with a 20 percent tax increase that the state is going to demand of Douglas County, up to 20 percent, I was wondering whether we even need to pass the school bond issue because of all the extra revenues that are going to be coming in anyway. But, anyway, it's just...it's fairly unfathomable on how they came to their conclusions and it's very, very, very disappointing that they didn't allow our new county assessor, Roger Morrissey, to put in place the very plans that will alleviate the problems that they were concerned about some time ago. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kiel.