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down so that we don't have to pay any more property taxes, even though our valuation has gone up. Would ask the body to please think of that and support the Quandahl amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Senator Hilgert on the Quandahl amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Furthermore, I do understand when Senator Wickersham says, because of the spending caps and so forth, that property taxes may not go up to the extent, certainly, as the valuation...the same percentage the valuation goes up. But I would like to ask Senator Preister a question if he would yield.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Preister?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes I will.

SENATOR HILGERT: Senator Preister, what is the maximum value of a house that someone can have and still be...claim a homestead exemption?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Hilgert, I believe \$95,000 as the assessed value would be the upper limit. Otherwise, they're disqualified.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Senator Preister. And the reason I asked you is certainly because of your priority bill, which is very, very commendable. But that is one of the ways that someone's taxes will go up in Douglas County should this uniform valuation be demanded on all residential property. If my house is at 100 percent already, or 92, within that range, and currently I am receiving the homestead exemption, because of the increase in the valuation...and I'm assuming that this house is properly valued at this point, or very close to it...what happens is, is that you could be thrown off your homestead exemption. Whether you're...and we...of course, we all know that...you know, the seniors, the disabled, veterans, rely on this homestead exemption to stay in their homes. And you know, this is a real way that can affect many, many people in Douglas County. So again, we have the spending caps in place and so