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in the first place? Why have we...Senator Wickersham, maybe you can help me. Why is this body constantly picking at property tax and constantly trying to find ways to control property tax when we don't have any jurisdiction over property tax?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I understand that you're not using the word "jurisdiction" in a purely technical or legal sense. We do have a responsibility to see that the constitution is administered and the property is valued uniformly and proportionately. So, to the extent that valuation is reflected in the property tax system, we do have that responsibility. We also have embarked, as you're aware of, on several significant efforts to reduce reliance on property taxes for local governments, because people told us they were paying too much property tax for support of their local governments. So to some extent, we are enforcing the constitution as adopted by the people of the state of Nebraska. And to another extent, we are responding to what the people have told us they wish to have done with the property tax system. So that is the...I would respond to you that those are the reasons that the issue is before us on an annual basis.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. It's just too bad that we aren't appreciated by the public. We are blamed, we are vilified, we are told we're...we are inept and incompetent because we don't...can't do anything about the property tax. It's very frustrating to those of us who are trying our very best to help out with property taxes, to do something about them. And I think this amendment is good in its wanting to making things equal across the state. And it...I am concerned that this will not fly for...process-wise. I respect Senator Wickersham and Senator Kristensen's advice that this will...this won't work. But I still think that the gist of the amendment is that things should be equal across the state. And I don't understand why the TERC went ahead and increased the valuation in Douglas County when, in all good faith, our new assessor is trying his very best...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.