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SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is no way that it will have an impact, practically speaking, prior to 2002?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That is certainly possible, and in fact,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank...oh.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and, in fact, in some respects I think that is more likely than the assumptions of 4.5 percent growth in needs and 5 percent growth in valuations. You can easily make other assumptions and get to a different result.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. And I realize that it's difficult, if not impossible, to predict the future with specificity on anything. But to be able to continue with the point that I'm trying to make, nobody this year...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is going to have a problem in terms of the impact of this bill, not next year, which is 2001, but the following year, 2002, the chickens will come home to roost and we'll find out whether our members are going to be Colonel Saunders or Colonel Saunders' product. Will you be the chicken or will you be the chicken cooker? Thank you, Mr. President. I'll turn my light on one more time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We are discussing the Wickersham amendment to the Raikes amendment to LB 1107. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, had my light on last week and did want to address this issue. I do stand in support of Senator Wickersham's amendment. I think that this is a good compromise to reach between the two percentage points. Again, I'd like to emphasize that this is really not a rural-urban issue, although I do want to state that I believe that the agriculture sector is carrying a heavy burden. And I have some statistics that in 1998, Nebraska ag taxes were \$1.16 per \$100 of market value, compared to 71 cents in 19 other ag producing states. So you can see that this burden is particularly high in the agriculture