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from 1988 to 1999, the property tax burden for schools has been dropped 17 percent, and yet we've increased that portion of state aid both on sales and income tax. And then again this year we come along and we come up with another exemption for sales tax, this time it was on the public broadcasting or the TV broadcasting, and so we're exempting more out. And we just cannot do both all the time. We can't say that a certain percentage of property tax is going to go for schools, a certain percentage of sales tax, and then come along with exemptions to take one of those out, because it just is going to...certainly, you're taking it out of one pocket and putting it in another pocket. I guess more from a physiological or the standpoint that I think that we are really hurting ourselves and taking away some of our flexibility when we put this type of thing in place. I will say this, if we only were on property taxes today and only schools received their dollars from property tax, you would have a lot of people that would be paying closer attention as to what school costs are. Now we split that up into several different portions and it's a little harder to detect maybe exactly what those costs are. But I just want the body to be thinking about this issue as to is this the proper fiscal policy that we want this state to have, is this how we want to fund our schools, is this the criteria that we want and to remove the flexibility in the future? With that, I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Chambers, as you know, this is your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Jensen and I exchanged humorous bits, whether written or spoken, now here he is so conservative, in a manner of speaking, that he squeaks when he walks. I am supposed to be so ultra whatever, I don't know, the term they use is liberal, I don't know what that means. I'm so liberal that I slip and slide when I walk. But here we are together on this particular issue. So that should tell you something. I'm not going to presume to say what. But here is an interesting comment that was made by Senator Stuhr, a comparison between ag taxes in Nebraska and other states. That would be like me saying there are fewer refrigerators sold in the North Pole than are sold in Florida. Between things disparate in nature there can be no comparison. The comparison