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SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. I would ask Senator Coordsen if he would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I will respond.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Coordsen, and you probably explained this in your thorough and...and great introduction, which I tried to listen to but may have missed part of, but there are some counties, at least in my area, that aren't zoned and, as I read the committee amendments, it's to...the Greenbelt Advisory Committee is to develop uniform and proportionate special valuation of ag property which is zoned for agriculture use and subject to land use controls, and then it gives certain sections. Now what impact or difference does it make whether a county is zoned or not with respect to the application of the greenbelt provisions of LB 1124?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The bill, and I did...did touch on this, Senator Bromm, but thank you for the question again. The bill is specifically designed for those counties that have taken the initiative and zoned their counties' property outside of municipalities for either agricultural, commercial, or residential uses, which are the primary zoning...zoning classifications. I would hope that those counties that have not proceeded with a comprehensive land use plan will do that. The green copy of the bill would have applied to...equally to both zoned and "nonzoned" counties, but there was a significant amount of advice that that could well have created a problem with respect to some different constitutional provisions. So the Revenue Committee did elect to confine the benefits, if there are benefits of this bill, only to those counties that have a land use...special land use valuation plan in place for the county.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Coordsen, I have a statute in front of me, 77-1359, which defines agricultural and horticultural land, and that definition...I...that definition, I think, has been referenced in the...in the provisions that you're going into here with respect to valuation. And so I am...I guess I'm