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the year 1985 and it goes up to the year 1999. You'll see...and I explained to some of you, I said I thought this was the "heel fly" chart. I don't know how many of you know about heel flies, but cattle get heel flies. They bite them at the ankles and the cattle run and stick their tail in the air, and you can always tell when it's heel flies because those cattle just stick their tail right straight in the air and run. I think this is the "heel fly" chart, and you can see it. Our tail is in the air, we're running. Nineteen eighty-nine, what did we do? LB 1059. We treated our heel flies and property taxes went down.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But then we didn't keep up the treatment and they went up again, and in 1996 we really had a bad case of the heel flies and we did a whole bunch of things and property taxes went down again, and you see they went down until 1998. And now they've started back up. They'll go down again next year maybe or this current tax year, because we're going to go to a dime drop for schools, so you'll see a little moderation in that. But our...but the heel flies are starting to bite us, our tails are going to be in the air, and we're going to come back and somebody's going to say you got to put in X hundreds of millions of dollars at some time in the future. LB 1107, if we pass it, will moderate those future increases. It won't stop property taxes from increasing, I don't think that's really possible, but it will moderate the rate at which property taxes will increase. There will be a little less bite from the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...heel flies.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Those wishing to speak to the Wickersham motion to override are Senators Janssen, Bohlke, Brashear, Beutler, Jones, Wehrbein, and Tyson. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I probably, in the business that I'm in, I probably see a broader scope of my constituents than anyone in this body. I see people from all walks of life--farmers, merchants, the fellow that