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years, but my real fear is that this year, with the tremendous shortfall we have in revenue, that some of the cuts are not going to be cuts but they're going to be shifts back to property tax. And I think of how this has affected many today, and I know Senator Baker did not even get his combine out of the shed this year to harvest his crop because he did not have a crop and, yet, he had to pay thousands of dollars in property taxes on his ag land. And ag land property taxes are the highest, I think, in the nation in Nebraska. So it's something that's a real concern of mine. Senator Erdman is also running for this position. I know he'll do a great job if you choose to select him, and he would have my full support. If you choose to select me, I will promise to be fair and try to listen to all concerns, because I only think doing that we can solve the problems and the challenges that are before us, and I think we will solve these challenges. Senator Erdman, one thing in closing. I want to speak from 45 years of experience. You made a wise decision when you married Cortney a couple weeks ago, and congratulations to you. Thank you very much. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. The Chair now recognizes Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: That's all right, you can clap for my wife. I think she's pretty fantastic too. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, I also rise to place my name in nomination for Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, and around here it is kind of difficult at times when you run against people that you have a lot of respect for, and I do have a great deal of respect for Senator Kremer and I appreciate the friendship that we have, and I know that the outcome of this election will not affect that friendship because he is a man of great integrity. I currently serve on the Ag Committee and have not...have had an opportunity to watch the leadership of our former Chairman, Senator Dierks. I think the one thing that I thought was important that Senator Dierks brought to the Ag Committee was the idea that agriculture in Nebraska needs to be at the table, and that's all agriculture. And coming from the western end of the state I think that's something that was really welcoming to me, was to know that even though the