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in 1999..no, sorry, 2000. But then the amendment fills the hole back in. So with that, that's my introduction. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you through with it? Thank you, Senator Baker. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker would move to amend with AM0104. (Legislative Journal pages 371-373.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to open on your amendment, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment is very short. It does not take up much space in the statutes for what we took out. This is a three-sentence addition. It says for assessment purposes, and I quote the amendment, comparable sales, and we're talking here about farm sites, "Comparable sales are recent sales of properties that are similar in important physical, functional, and location characteristics to the property being assessed." Meaning...and that's the amendment. Meaning that if your farm site, home site is part of an operating farm rather than an acreage or so on, it's contiguous land, it may be one landowner, it's going to be valued as an operating farm site and not as an acreage. That's as simple as we could do it. The bill came out of committee 7-0. There was one member absent. The State Property Assessment Taxation Office has worked with us on this. We can't seem to get it any more plain and simple. As I said, this replaces the language that was in the green copy. And with that, I'd simply ask for your adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM0104, offered by Senator Baker to LB 295. Open for discussion. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I think the amendment is okay. But I got to tell you, I was pulled out about ten minutes ago, and Jay Rempe gave me this. It's the first I've seen it. And my...the reason I don't think I've got any problem is that I think the language is neutral. But I will