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operating, functioning farm, and not be...which would be, obviously, a lower valuation than someone who came out there and bought five or ten acres as an acreage and was not being used as a residence for the actual farming operation, farmer, hired man, whomever.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So...maybe I'm still not getting this. The farmer's home, where the farm family live, wouldn't be taxed as a home like all other homes are taxed as homes?

SENATOR BAKER: Not if it was part of a functioning farming operation. It would be...not so much...you know, it wouldn't be considered an acreage. And that's what we'd always tried to get to with this other language, was, how do you tell a farmer that's living on his farm, house on an operating farm, that his house is now being considered as an acreage that someone would consider more valuable than he would as a member of an operating farm family or hired man or something like that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: But is the home taxed as a residence if it's part of a working farm?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. It's always going to be...

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's not taxed at farm value...ag value, right?

SENATOR BAKER: No, it's always going to be taxed as a residence. A home is still a home.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: And it's still 100 percent. It's not 80 percent of the value.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I've been