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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Kremer on AM1429.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I guess I have just a couple comments on maybe some of the discussion, and really the...this whole part of the amendment. First of all, in the yellow copy, we're talking about border bleeding. We hear that so much as far as cigarette taxes, as far as gambling, as far as almost everything else. I think it's...we need to look at the number in parentheses here, where it also includes the city sales tax. And if you look at that, we are one of the lower ones. Why are we not getting border bleeding back? And when there's tax on all foods on the states all around us, why don't they come to Nebraska to buy their food? And if you look at the...we have a five and a half general sales tax, but it only is seven percent when you include the maximum of one and a half for the city sales tax. Colorado is 8.2, Kansas 7.3, 8 for South Dakota. So I don't think we can really use that as a comparison. The biggest problem I have with expanding the property tax is, so many...or, the sales tax, is, so many times, we start taxing items in the production line. I don't have any problem with taxing the end product. And I think that's probably going to be the concern with we in agriculture. And it's still, I guess, going to be clarified that...whether machinery is...repair labor is going to be taxed or not taxed. And when it comes to construction, I guess maybe I'd like to ask Senator Landis, I think, maybe a question on these construction costs. Would you yield to a question, please? Senator Landis?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you respond?

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. The 50 percent...I mean, if it doubles the value of the home, how do you determine the original value and the ending value after you've done the remodeling? Would it be the assessed value? Or how do you determine that? I understand that you would get a rebate, that they would automatically just tax you for the labor and the material. And then would it be after, then, the assessor assesses the value? Or how do you determine the original value against the remodeled