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income tax into school aid. And we're going to give \$100 million less in school aid if we do this. Instead of giving \$100 million in school aid, we will give \$40 million of homestead exemption aid to homeowners. Now, if you do that, the average savings on the average house in most counties will be something along the lines of \$18 to \$25 a year. We're going to do all this tax shifting to give what, for the normal taxpayer in most counties, will be someplace between 18 and about 25 dollars on their house per year. We're going to ask them to pay more for their schools, so that we can give them something like 18 to 25 bucks on their house. A pretty limited return. Then there's \$1,000 of credit for ag users. And if I was a farmer on the land, that would be pretty attractive, because school taxes are tough. However, we're going to put back \$100 million of property tax responsibility on a system that taxes farmers pretty tough to begin with. So you may see that as a step forward. Perhaps you do, I'm not sure. That originally, at \$500, was estimated at 13 million bucks. But Senator Brashear has enriched the pie. He's now talking \$1,000. Clearly, it's not double \$13 million, because not every farmer is going to be able to make use of a \$1,000 credit. There will be people that will drop off. I'd say, rough estimate, if you've got a \$1,000 credit, if \$13 million for 500 bucks, and you go to \$1,000, it's not 26, it might be 20, rough estimate. It's \$20 million of savings for farmers. However, they're also going to be paying part of that \$100 million of new property taxes for schools. When you get done shuffling the money, homeowners get 40 million bucks, farmers get \$20 million bucks. So you've raised sales and income tax dollars. You've saved yourself \$100 million of sales and income tax dollars from school aid. So you can give \$60 million of that away in these two forms, hopefully to leave yourself with \$40 million of savings. Isn't that right? We're going to have \$40 million of savings for our budget. I think that's one of the end game positions for Senator Brashear.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Compare that to LB 540, which gives you exactly the same amount of savings, \$40 million of savings for our budget purposes, without the shell game, without doing