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and they were able to go to the vote of the people and convince them, oh, your property tax won't go up much higher than it was before. And this...another part of the book, much of the growth of property tax value attributable to the growth of voter-approved bond obligation. In fact, the growth in city property taxes attributed to bond accumulated for...accounted for more than 100 percent of growth of city property tax in total. The change of city property tax excluding bonds are...was negative. If the growth of...if voters approve school bonds since...and so forth. So it's simply saying, is that what we've done, we have...yes, we have lowered the bill for operations for the...or we have picked up a bigger part of the...for operations. But local people voted for bonds. Now, maybe they needed these new buildings and so forth. But I think it was harder to pass a bond when the levy is \$2.00...or \$3.00, rather than \$2.00. And so I think I support Senator Brashear. He's got a homestead exemption. Let's give some of the money back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And I think it's a good idea. I think that maybe, looking back, maybe we shouldn't have done, with the schools, lowered it from \$1.10 to \$1.00. Thank you,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. Were you through, Senator Hartnett? Sorry I cut you off. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. Many things that have been said was what I had kind of in mind. I think Senator Landis evaluated pretty well what was happening. And Senator Vrtiska also mentioned some areas that I had in mind to talk about. One thing I was going to mention is that Senator Brashear, his red copy that he handed out, last year I think it was a yellow copy, it had another column in there that had agriculture property tax. And where you see residential at two and 2.4, two and a half, somewhere in there,