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something, because the very small counties that have roads around every section would have a lot more mileage per valuation than some of the western counties that don't have that many roads and larger valuations. So the way it's set up, I think these very rural areas would tend to lose considerably for road work and road repair, and this is something that we certainly need out there in the western end of Nebraska. So with seven counties in my district, why, I've looked it over and it would cost them dearly, so I don't believe I can support the amendment or support the bill, either way. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm also going to rise in opposition to this bill. All nine counties that I represent...excuse me, eight counties that I represent, full counties, all take part in receiving benefits from this aid to the property tax relief. Let's face it, we are still in a drought out there in western Nebraska. We're going to be taking money from aid to counties and, as Senator Louden said, they don't have the opportunity to have any type of a sales tax, so this is going to be detrimental to them. And as we lower the state aid from our schools, they're going to have to look at or possibly look at additional property taxes to help out with the school situation. So this is really not the time to hit them again at another time, at another place that they need the funding. So I rise to oppose this also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I am one of those rural senators, but I'm going to support this, and I won't make a lot of friends in my county commissioners out there, but what I want to rise to point out is that we have cut counties already a lot, and this is in addition to the cuts we've already made. But that points out the seriousness of the budget situation we're in right now. And I want to equate that back to the local K-12 school districts and so on. When they start saying, don't cut us, don't cut us, we're going to...I'm going to point to the counties and the municipalities, the cities out there. They have taken some draconian cuts in this