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the Preister amendment be dealt with expeditiously. I'm sure that there's some debate on both sides. But we should be able to vote on this in 20 minutes or a half an hour with a full discussion of the issues, since I think we'll be noticeably lacking in any data to support either one of our views.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senator Jones and Chambers.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, probably going to oppose this amendment, even though it probably affects some of the people in my district. But what I heard last year from when we passed the other repair part of LB 1085, was it, last year, was that, you know, treat us...don't make us make that decision. And there were...there was...were...there was poor communications from our Department of Revenue to the people to implement it. And so hopefully, if we get something passed, that the Department of Revenue will do a better job of getting the word out to the people. I want to respond, I guess, I was...had my light on; I was going to call the question, but Senator Beutler got ahead of me before...was that Senator Jensen, when he was earlier, and I talked to him off the mike and so forth, talked about, we really need to have a study of looking at the taxes. When I was first in the Legislature, and Senator Landis will remember that, Senator Chambers, we did the Syracuse study. (Laugh) And I don't know where we could find it, and we had a different Chairman of the Revenue Committee at that time. And the thing wrong with it was that it set...had some policies that people didn't like. So I think it...you know, nothing was ever implemented. I think the chairman at that time, Vard Johnson, introduced some of these proposals. And they just didn't go, because you had too many of the people that are outside, you know, don't tax me, tax the other person behind the tree. Also, I want to talk, and another thing I want...I asked Senator Kremer where he got this fuchsia sheet here that he passed out about cost property tax on farmers in rural areas, and I don't doubt his figures. I think I'm the only person in this body who has worked as a school person at both small schools and large schools. And I had a young lady that I had as a student, is a teacher now, and they were down here, from the greater state of Nebraska, were visiting