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honestly say that every year I've been in it we have moved in the direction of mitigating property taxes. When I first came into this Legislature, we were like first- or second- or third-worst in the nation in terms of our reliance upon property taxes. And we've struggled with it, and we've struggled with it, and we've struggled with it for a quarter of a century at least. I've been involved in most of that. And I have consistently been against increasing property taxes, and to the extent necessary to alleviate property taxes, to then shift to other tax bases. Now this year, for the first time, not just on this bill, but on several bills, you're going to be asked to turn around and go in the opposite direction. You're going to be asked to turn around and go in the opposite direction, notwithstanding the fact that we are still in that half of the group of states who rely most heavily on property taxes. You're going to be asked this year to shift and go in the opposite direction, notwithstanding that this is an agricultural economy and that property taxes are especially hard on an agricultural economy. If this committee amendment is not adopted and if we do not move towards a fee on those who cause the problem to the extent that they cause the problem--which is what we do with sewer taxes, water taxes; it's the logical thing to do--if you ignore local control and force the local people to increase property taxes, if that's what's going to happen here, I will not support it. I will not support it, despite the fact the city of Lincoln wants to have something happen here. This is the wrong thing to do. And those people in the lobby may be very happy that they've ganged up and they can force us to ignore our principles of local control and they can force us to force property taxes on our people, but by golly, let them do it; I'm not going to do it. The nonprofits don't want to bear their share. Well, and they're in here with a bill this year, they want a tax exemption for what, what is it, \$5 million, \$10 million, to help them further, and they won't even pay their share of the storm water sewer fee. The school district doesn't want to pay. Well, they're the ones that didn't like the property tax in the first place because they couldn't get adequate revenues because our reliance was so heavy upon the property taxes. And they're in here on a bill that says, force those property taxes up. What's going on here? Have we lost our bearings? Have we lost our sense of direction? This