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SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Jones, do you think that your children could raise a family on an 80 acres, this day and age?

SENATOR JONES: No. They just absolutely could not do it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Is there anyone in your district that has less than 240 acres?

SENATOR JONES: Not that I know of. A lot of them in my area runs between the 2,000 and 3,000, sometimes 4,000 acres, is about the average in my area, right where I'm living. And with the...everything, the costs going up, and a lot of them, if they want to take a pivot off of ground for some reason, well, then it's...they have trouble getting that value back down too, see. That's a big problem too. Because they want to keep it irrigated ground, you know, at the courthouse.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I see. So you're saying if you decide that you're not going to irrigate anything anymore and you're going to put that back to grass, or whatever it is, it takes a considerable amount of time before you can get your taxes dropped down to dry land or range land?

SENATOR JONES: That's right. That's right.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I've been listening to the debate, and just a few thoughts have come into my mind as we...as I've been listening. One thing, we talk about rural development and economic development rural areas. There's not many times that Union Pacific is going to build a new facility out in some of the rural counties of Nebraska. And irrigation is one of the areas that we can enhance rural development very much. One of the few...or the only area that has really helped us in our balance of trade is our agriculture products. I think what happens if