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course if we do this bill, your folks up there, through their sales tax and their income tax, if they have any income tax, I guess, ...are they paying much income tax up that way, Senator?

SENATOR JONES: I'm not going to pay any this year, I can tell you that. My ranch is not going to pay any.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR JONES: And it didn't pay...it went backwards a year ago, and it's just going to break even this year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, it would be income tax from other places then, I guess. But do you think your people--they do pay sales taxes--do you think that ranchers up there who don't have any irrigation wells should be paying...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...sales taxes to support these irrigators?

SENATOR JONES: I think they would, because I hear more up there all the time, they're more in favor of a sales tax than anything, because that's...everybody pays a little of that. But real estate tax is what is really, really hurting us. Mine went up 12.5 percent last year on my place alone, and it's \$3,000 increase.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. And...

SENATOR JONES: So the sales...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and if under this bill we increase the NRDs' levy and force them to participate, do you think your ranchers will be content to participate in that?

SENATOR JONES: Well, the way I under...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Because that will raise their property taxes.

SENATOR JONES: The way I understand the bill is, it allows them