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they will not have a myriad of other duties assigned. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator McDonald, on AM3027.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in opposition to AM3027. I don't believe that we can balance our state budget on the backs of our property owners. When it's time to pay your property taxes, it doesn't take into consideration whether you made a profit or not. You have to pay your property taxes. And as we see, the valuations of the farmland is going up greater and greater every year, and so that means there are continually being more property taxes assessed against the land. We certainly cannot continue that in the state of Nebraska. So I strongly oppose the amendment. I also have a hard time with the Education Committee amendment. I did not support the \$1.05 permanently. I don't even like it temporarily; know that it's something we probably will have to go to if at all, but only temporarily. I don't think that we can continue to force our property owners to pay for more than their fair share. I think we need to look at other avenues, and income taxes is one of them that I strongly support. So I would like to see us look at that as an option to balancing the budget on the back of our property tax owners. Thank you.

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

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I, too, am also very much concerned about raising this to the \$1.10 levy limit. One of the things that concerns me, I'm from a district in my area, I have one there that does not rely at all on the school aid. I do have several schools, you know, in my district that do rely very heavily on the school aid. But I think going to this \$1.10 really sends a signal that, you know, they have the ability to go there. My experience serving on a county board on valuation, valuation protests and levies, it seems like it's kind of a staircase approach. One year the valuation goes up, the levy stays the same; next year the levy goes up, the valuation stays the same; and it continually,