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know, could sell for \$20,000 an acre, but it was realistically valued at 2 or 3 or 3,500 an acre, and that was the base that was utilized for tax purposes. And with greenbelting it, it just stated that that would stay at the realistic value of the ground, not the appraised value for what it could be sold for development. And I realistically don't have any problem with this. But I just kind of wanted to get a little bit more explanation on the floor as to how the process would be. You know, are the counties really losing anything? No, I don't think they are, because they're...they are getting their actual tax dollars, what it realistically should be, from that property all the time. They're not getting it, you know, for the \$20,000 an acre, no. But if you're farming it, you can't afford the taxes on \$20,000 an acre ground. So...but if it goes to a development, you know, of a business, then I can see it should be recaptured. So those are my comments, and I'll give the balance of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Janssen, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Stuthman alluded to my thoughts also. There...those taxes have been paid on this land, even though it was taxed at the actual value for farmland. But nevertheless, I mean, they were still paying the taxes at the rate of ag land. So you know, if you're going to...I can understand Senator Beutler's concern here. If...without this, you know, sometimes you're not going to...it's going to be a little harder for someone to donate land. I think there is not a...there shouldn't be a windfall there when...to the counties, or school districts, or whoever it is. It may stop someone from being generous and letting that land...and giving that land to the city for a park. Senator Beutler, I think this is a good amendment. There's not going to be any big loser here, because you can't, you know, you can't recapture something that you never had. So that's the way I look at it. Thank you. I will support your amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the