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consumers of electricity that do consume a lot of electricity and that 5 percent would be added onto their bill? I realize there are some bills that are in excess of \$100,000 a month, so that would be tacked onto that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It would be tacked onto that, Senator, and the only good side to that downside is the fact that our electricity rates in this state are near the lowest in the country. And when you tack this amount on they will be less competitive, but they will still be very competitive.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, I'll truly agree with that as far as the rate is concerned. Another thing that concerns me is that I think we need to do something now because this legislative body, in several years, will be 50 percent turnover just in a few years. I would also like to comment a little bit on what Senator Beutler was talking about as far as the property tax paid by the real estate, the farmers, in the communities, and I want to relate to you my experience on my property tax bill on my property. My real estate valuation went up 11 percent this past year. My taxes to the school district went up 30 percent. Now I haven't researched it any further, but looking at that, I do realize, you know, the school district that is taxing my property does not receive any state aid, but to go up that amount seems a little bit unfair or really ridiculous, in my opinion. But I am not sure as to what it is, but I'm trying to relate. You know, with the valuations going up, even if you raise the lid limit to, like, that \$1.10, with the valuations going up there really is no need, you know, to increase the lid limit because of the valuation process, and I just wanted to bring that up, you know, with valuations, in my instance of going up 11 percent and the tax dollar to the school district went up 30 percent. So how this happens I don't know, and I'll return...I'll be listening very closely but I am a little bit concerned with this, with this 5 percent on electric bills. I do realize one of the plants in my area, it's an agricultural plant, that I know the electricity bills are over \$100,000 a month and it will just come off of what I receive for my crop going into that plant, so I will be paying that also. And I think...I think everyone in the state of Nebraska needs to be responsible for this low-level waste thing, but I am concerned,