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that your dog? He said, no, that's the neighbor's dog. (Laughter) Well, he said, I'm going there next; I'll probably get the same story from the neighbor as I got from you. But that was...you know, things were a lot different today. Can you imagine what your personal property tax would be today if we had no sales and income tax in this state? Oh, by the way, no...there was only one diamond ring in Lancaster County, also. Those were the kind of things that happened. But you know, we did run this state. We ran this state pretty well. And then we came up with the idea of the sales and income tax. Your personal property tax went down. There wasn't hardly any. But your sales and income tax kept creeping up. We had one penitentiary at that time. How many correctional units do we have today? We didn't have the elaborate welfare reform that we've had today. And let me tell you something, those people lived pretty poorly. It was probably like our ancestors witnessed when they came over from the old country. And they didn't want to see that happen. So we initiated programs where we would help people, help them have a good life. If we went back to the property tax alone, what would it cost you to send your children or grandchildren to the University of Nebraska today? Most of us couldn't do it. What would it cost to run our public schools, our elementary and high schools? It would be astronomical. Do we want to go back to those things? No, we don't. But the old saying, if you want to dance, you got to pay the fiddler. So with that, I have an amendment coming up a little later, I'm sure you're aware of that, that spreads the cost three different ways. Now you may like that, you may not. But sitting here yesterday and listening to the debate, I thought, well, let's try it; we'll see what it does. So with that, I hate to go back to the one diamond ring in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...in the...of Lancaster County. I hate to go back and join the liars club again. But if you want to have no sales and income tax, we could probably try that again. No one would be leaving...would be building the big homes they're building today. And I don't know what would happen to the economy in this state. It would...we don't have any big pots of gold at the end of the rainbow. We don't have oil wells sitting