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take away a percentage of their valuation, what are they going to do? They're up against a lid limit. Are they going to have to raise valuations on other property? But even if they raise the valuations on their other property, they're up against a lid limit and the lid limit is as to what they spent the year before, but they won't have near the valuation to utilize for that dollar amount. I think this is...this is something that we got to really take a hard look at, and I'm very glad that we're discussing it this morning because it's going to have a much greater effect on local areas than just saying, well, you people, you can't irrigate anymore. I have a situation in my own area that is very similar to something like this. I have pasture ground rented. It's halfway down a hill. It has a dam in, which a lot of people were, you know, supposed to use conservation practices, put in dams, control the runoff. There was a dam in this one. That's what watered the livestock. The last several years, because of the drought, there is no runoff from the neighbor's property. Farming practices have changed. There is no water in that dam. Can I go to that neighbor and have him haul water to my livestock in that pasture? No, I don't think so. Is he going to pay me for hauling water into that pond? No, I don't think so. It's just something that I have to address. It's a lot more expensive for me to have the cattle in that pasture at the time. So those are things that I'm really concerned with. I realistically think, you know, that giving a couple more years, if we get more rainfall, which we will, some of these streams will flow like they normally did. But one thing we need to remember, you know, we have a lot of conservation practices in place that control a lot of the runoff, and I think what Kansas is wanting is they want that runoff. We in agriculture, you know, do not want a lot of runoff. That's soil conservation...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...and that's very important. So I think, you know, I'm really glad that we have this before us this morning and I think we need to really think of, you know, what will really all happen with this, and we got to take time to discuss that. So I am...I am really keeping my mind open. I want to listen to the discussion. But I think let's be really