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\$4.5 billion. It has a tremendous impact. When farmers have additional money, they buy machinery. But also those farmers that are involved in irrigation spend more on seed, they spend more on other costs related, energy costs, related to producing that crop. I would not support that...the fee at this time. As has been said, change is difficult. But when we look at our surrounding states and look at the property tax burden that is upon producers today compared to our surrounding states, it is by far the highest. And I just do not see that as a reality. But as I said, the water is the lifeblood of this state. I always say, other than our people, it is the most important resource that we have. So I believe...I do commend everyone that has been working together, particularly those people in the Republican River Basin. We are just going to have to all continue to work together, rural and urban, because water is a very precious commodity. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, paraphrasing the "Holly Bible," there is a book at the tail end called Revelations and it talks about the four horsemen, and it does not use the term "apocalypse," but other people apply that term. There was a pale horse and he that sat upon him was named Death. Atropos, one of the Fates, is not death. Atropos, though, cuts the thread that results in death. So perhaps Atropos, because all of the Fates were females, could be called "the handmaiden of death." I hear all of this whimpering about the farm economy and how much money they produce for the state. I hear from the same people on occasion, not from the rural areas, they just go along because they don't understand what's going on, how you have to help these big businesses who are billionaires and millionaires because if you don't, they'll go someplace else. Any my admonition has always been, let them go someplace else, and I even had a suggestion as to where they could go and how long they could be there. Senator Landis has a bill that I would call the "bail out Buffett" bill. Warren Buffett, along with "Sir" Walter Scott, to give Buffett his due, "Lord" Warren Buffett, "Sir" Walter Scott have big holdings in a baseball team called the Omaha Royals and they don't have many