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discussion on the Louden amendment? Senator Kopplin.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Again, referring to the greenbelt and trying to answer the question Senator Louden asked, greenbelt came about because of Senator Warner with the intent in mind to stop developers from coming into an area, buying up farmland, paying taxes at ag land, and then when it gets to be their good time, they sell off the land. And so they've really had a purchase price but they paid ag land taxes all those years and now they make their bundle when they resell.   The question was...and Senator Raikes was right, there's 30 counties involved in Nebraska, and I'm not going to read them all but I would like to point out those that have more than 100,000 acres: Buffalo, 182,000; Cass, 315,000; Dawes, 512,000; Dodge, 234,000; Gage, 387,000; Lancaster, 407,000; Otoe, 208,000; Saunders, 405,000; Scotts Bluff, 295,000. Sarpy is unfortunately just under the 100,000; it's at 97,247.   This is a big issue and it's important to my county and I'm sure it's important to other counties, and I think we have to give it very careful consideration before we simply rid ourselves of greenbelt and recapture language. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called.   Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on the Louden amendment? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We are voting on ceasing debate.   Have you all voted on the question who care to? We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful.   The debate does cease. Senator Louden, you are recognized to close on AM2818 to AM2210.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body.   The 1031 tax-deferred sales are something that's very