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kill motion on this bill for that and many other reasons.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to answer Senator Duis. Taking this land off the tax rolls does not keep any farmer from not allowing people in there. I want to make that straight. That is always interjected in the thing. I was going to stay out of this whole debate but that one kind of gripes me that it is used so often in here. It is the same as when we had the federal farm bank or the federal soil bank. The federal government put a lot of money into that sort of thing but the farmer could still keep you off the land. This is no different. Let's not...let's stay on the track, whether you kill or pass this bill or not is one thing but pass it or kill it on its merit. Don't inject something that isn't here. The landowner retains control of that land because it is his.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Loren Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think, Mr. President, I will pass on the bill. It has been spoken on quite a little. I think Senator Nichol and Rasmussen and Dickinson expressed some valid concerns. I really do believe that Senator Bereuter is sincere about the issue but I doubt very much that it is a necessary bill at this time, and I think we do have many other bills that might be more pressing although Senator Bereuter might disagree with me. That wouldn't be the first time nor will it be the last, I am sure we could agree on that.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Is there any further discussion? There are no lights on. Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Kime, you may close.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, members of this body, on line 13, page 4 of the bill, someone asked about how this was going to be policed. The bill states, no, wait a minute, that is the constitutional amendment as it will be printed. It says, land covered by water or likely to be covered by water. How are you going to put some land in there that is likely to be covered with water, get your tax exemption, and then maybe the guy will never have enough money to build his dam. So that is rather out of line. Line 1 through 4 on the top of page 4, the Legislature may, as a part of such general law, provide penalties. They are going to provide penalties for the utilization of any land for income producing purposes while so exempted. They will provide penalties. What are these penalties? How much are they? Are they going to charge you \$5 a day if you run your cattle in there or \$10 a day or \$50. What kind of penalties? This bill does not say. Where are the farmers and ranchers that oppose this bill? The Nebraska Stockgrowers throughout Nebraska, there are thousands of them. In their meetings, they