

talked a lot about property tax relief in this session. We have talked a lot about the problems in agriculture. Now maybe we are not going to do anything about either one of them, but here is an opportunity to do something about both of them, something about both of them. What is this Legislature going to do about property tax relief? Maybe Senator DeCamp is right, maybe nothing. This is one alternative. What is the Legislature going to do about the agricultural problem? Well, I don't think anything, really nothing, probably nothing. But here is an opportunity to do something about both and it treats all fairly. Ten percent across the board, I don't see how you can argue with that. It is fair. It is equitable. Sure, we are all going to be paying more in sales tax, but we have already got homestead exemption, homestead exemption that we were not going to fund. Seemingly, if we don't fund that \$18 million, you know who gets it. The rest of the property taxpayers in the county pick it up. If we don't fund that \$18.3 million on the state level, the rest of the taxpayers in the county pick it up. And who is that? That is agriculture. That is business. That is who it is. So I don't know, maybe we don't want property tax relief. I say this is a viable bill. We should adopt the committee amendments, maybe leave it sit on General file until Senator DeCamp says we decide which way to go here. You know, we have got a homestead exemption. We have got this bill. We have got the state aid to schools. I ask that the committee amendments be adopted and we leave it here on General file. That would suit me okay for the present.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the adoption of the committee amendments. I think that as I have moved around the floor in the last few days over this particular legislative concern I have expressed some deep opinions in this regard and I would like to share them with the body at this point or at least a few of them. If you do some calculations, you will see that with a \$1,000 cap and a 10 percent, as I think Senator Labedz alluded to, we can see where the direction of the greatest rebate is going to be. And a few of us just got off a campaign and I don't think there was anything we found any more direct that the people wanted across the State of Nebraska and I know in particular in my district, was property tax relief, something significant and substantive