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it is, in fact I knew when I started this many years ago, Senator Warner said, well, what you're doing is right but it cannot be done in Nebraska; it cannot be done in Nebraska because most of our local government support outside of the cities is absolutely dependent upon whoever owns agricultural property being assessed a value...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that is not based upon what its worth is. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. It is twelve o'clock noon, and the agenda states we return to Select File. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 657 on Select File. When the Legislature left the bill earlier, Senator Tyson had pending FA287. (Legislative Journal page 2255.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Where were we now? Oh yes, Senator Janssen had just finished addressing the body and I wanted to assure him, although I'm sure that he understands that this is not an added tax to tobacco. This is a diversion of two cents to the 309 Fund, and I would point out that even this sum of money is not a panacea. It would divert some money into 309 but, if you will look at the handout that Senator Vrtiska passed out earlier this morning, we're going to spend about \$15 million, if memory serves, against a total requirement of something in the nature of \$255 million. All we have to do is keep that up for about 20 years and we'll start to close in on the problem, because even as we speak everything man-made deteriorates and that is going on all the time. And as I mentioned when I was speaking earlier on this bill, deferred maintenance is the natural refuge of a bureaucrat fighting a budget problem. We have to do something about that. The amount of money, even though \$15 million, the budget this year, is a substantial sum of money, not in the total scheme of things. It's like the little boy in the dike,