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sand. And my...my...the only problem that I can see is developing a system that is...that is consistent with everybody when we don't...when everybody is not alike. And so I guess for the benefit of seeing some...some value in this piece of legislation, I need to...I need to get some answers as to how we can, in fact, adapt to the different changes in the types of soil and the types of operations that are across...that are across...across this state of Nebraska. When I looked at states like Iowa and some other states where there's such uniformity, it seems to be a real easy thing to do. And then the second part of my analogy or...or thoughts in this process are that when you...when you try to develop an average, it's easy to average if things are pretty much the same. But if there's such a broad difference in the types of agriculture that's being produced then averages tend to get...tend to get,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...you know, distorted. It's kind of like the old issue of one foot in the boiling water and one foot in ice water means that, the average, that you're comfortable, and that's, everybody knows, not true. That's the only area that I have a problem with this bill that I hope that somehow amendments can be brought forth in order to correct some of what I consider the deficiencies in the bill. Again, I'm...I'm a part of the bill. I think that some changes need to be made to help production agriculture in Nebraska because, as I was visiting with Senator Chamber (sic) and indicated that there are not very many young farmers left, and the reason they're not left is not because they don't like to farm. It's because they want to make a living and they can't make a living on farming on the size of operations that we were (inaudible) to...that we were accustomed to when I was in agriculture actively. And it's unfortunate because our young people are all leaving and the corporate structure will eventually own most of the land and most of the production in Nebraska.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.