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we passed a Homestead Exemption. We didn't require the county officials, the county accessor, bless their little hearts, to have to go out and examine every piece of property and every homestead and every home in the county and reaccess it. It was up to the person who wants the exemption to present the necessary evidence to the county accessor at the county accessor's office, at the county accessor's convenience and the county accessor could then at that time determine whether or not the homestead exemption should be granted. Now to argue that to present this nameless fear that this will all be open to the public is just as unfounded as to say that if I get a homestead, I have an aunt who gets a homestead exemption, she told me this the other day, she has a homestead exemption. I don't believe that the public can come in a roost in her house for the next, from now on out, because she has been granted a tax exemption which is being replaced by some funds from the state general fund. So I don't know, I think this out to be given a try in the time in an error when we are seemingly almost mindlessly committed to the total destruction of everything that grows unless it grows beans or corn or whatever it does is going beyond the bounds of common sense and we are not, we are not preserving many good things that we ought to have, and one of the reasons that it is always advanced is that on these marginal lands, well I am going to pay taxes and I am going to cut it up or plow it up or bulldoze it out or level it off or do something. I would urge that this bill be left alone and passed.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Syas. Then Johnson, Richendifer and Marsh. Richendifer passing. Senator Syas?

SENATOR SYAS: Well senators, I think that we should vote on the bill and I think that Senator Fred Carstens covers this very, very well. He has outlined it quite well. I say to Senator Kime that he has been putting out stuff that somebody would

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own the land if the state reimbursed the counties, and which he should know better because the federal constitution, the state constitution and as Senator Carstens says when you have homestead exemption or the personal property taxes, that doesn't mean you own your cow out there just because I reimburse your counties. Now I received a letter this morning from one of my county commissioners. He said that Arnold Ruhnke had no authority to speak for them as far as he knew. Former Senator Arnold Ruhnke was taking an exception to this bill before he ever got the O.K. from his board because I asked him and I don't know if he has got it yet. Now I talked to some county accessor's. I had one out here in the hall that said that it was a good bill, go for it. I had others that oppose it because they don't want to work. Let's face it, the county accessor's in many occasions do not want to work. This has got nothing to do with free access to your land. All you are saying in this bill is one thing. That is you, as a member of the Legislature, see fit at some future date to allow property taxes to be exempt from land that is used or water that is used for non-income purposes, that you the Legislature have the authority to reimburse those counties for their losses and/or subdivisions of government, from the state treasury and permissive on your part that you can take this in exempt it in whole or in part. I don't think that, I think that we should face this bill and not use a lot of bogey man stuff that is untrue and I am sometimes surprised as senators in this Legislature that are supposed to know the Constitution of the state of Nebraska at least fairly well, and the Constitution of the United States fairly well and will come up with something for the sake of argument to try to scare somebody. Now as far as Senator DeCamp is, I sort of expected either he or Senator Kime to make this motion. Senator DeCamp, of course, I suppose that he has his reasons for making it, and the reasons that he stated but I think that there are other reasons but that is just