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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Jerome Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose pulling the bill back as well. Now I didn't hear any differences between Senator Hefner and Senator Carsten's remark, or for that matter, Senator Vard Johnson's. What I understood Vard to say was that they expected something to be passed this year for the future which is fine. What I heard Senator Hefner and Senator Carsten say, not using the same words, but what I heard them say is if nothing is passed this session, then we will value at actual value according to what Section 77-201 says, and actual value otherwise defined and not defined to the contrary will be the system of sales as determined by the Department of Revenue. Now the Department of Revenue determines sales now on everything else and that is what they would do with farmland. And I am inclined to agree with Senator Schmit that probably the neatest thing agriculture could have happen is have actual sales be the basis for value right now the way the prices are going down so, you know, from a personal point of view, if we are only speaking for agriculture's benefit, I would suggest that the greatest thing you could do for us is pass this bill this year and nothing for next year and we will see the most massive shift away from agriculture and to other property you have ever seen, because unless you have been at some farm sales, why I can tell you there isn't much value there. So the interest of the Legislature is going to be to pass a permanent value next year, or this year for next year with the necessary lead time for assessors to work. And quite frankly it is going to be to agriculture's advantage for you not to pass something and I am not advocating that by no means either. But I see no reason to hold up this bill. I think if it is passed, it is perfectly clear to me. I see absolutely no problem with its passage or any unknown consequences that have been suggested. It is very clear how the land would be valued in '86, actual value, just exactly what Section 77-201 states.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, do you wish to speak again?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I only want to comment on what Senator DeCamp said. If we don't pass this bill and we do what Senator