

one-third property tax reduction, rebate, not going through state aid, not going through mumbo jumbo, one-third when he is hurting so bad, one-third. It is there for the taking. He can taste it and Senator Lamb is going to say, no, no, 10 percent. I don't think that is wise. You can do the program the way you have got it, 30 percent, probably pretty close to your 1 percent sales tax. Maybe we have to trim it back to 25 percent, I don't know just what the numbers are, about \$127 million, but you would have finally done something. Here in one fell swoop you are getting the average farmer, the average business men and, yes, you are avoiding the biggies and, yes, remember, remember, remember, if anybody got the tax breaks the last, ten or twelve years in here, it was the larger entities. How do I know? I sponsored and co-sponsored and helped them get them one after another. So at least I know what they are getting. I urge you not to go with the amendment. Stick with what you have got. There isn't a homeowner when they hear what you have done today, there isn't a homeowner in the state that won't want to parade you around on St. Patty's Day and make you a hero because they will know for the first time they are getting something they have been promised repeatedly. Stick with it the way you have got it. It's the golden ring ready to be grabbed, don't blow it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, on my amendment that I agreed to withdraw a few minutes ago, I still believe that the \$500 cap should be the maximum and even maybe \$400. I truly agree with Senator DeCamp. This is the opportunity for the average homeowner and the farmer to receive some tax relief. I can speak for a lot of my rural constituents and they are very much for the cap, particularly this just falls in the hands of the very large farmer, the three, the four the five-thousand acre farmer, or the two-thousand acre farmer. And again, many of them support the family farmer. With this amendment and the \$1,000 cap, you are doing nothing but playing in the hands of the more wealthy property owner and that is not the purpose of this bill. We must consider the homeowner and the average person that we have all had in our mind to give them some property tax relief and I am very much against the \$1,000 cap. And I also might represent or remind some of the rural senators and so on, we have Amendment 4 and if this is not handled in a justifiable rate, we have to be fair and consider both sides of the coin