

to own two or three quarter sections of land. I'll charge that off to business property, but I certainly hope that this body will be fair. As far as my district is concerned, it is both urban and rural. I represent the City of Grand Island and I'm quite sure that most of the people there would like to have me support 662, but I will also tell you that I have in mind the people in western Nebraska and I am not, with the economy as it is today, I am not prepared to stand here and force anything else on those people that is an additional cost and I do hope that all of these senators in debating this bill will try to be fair and honest. I am prepared, if this goes on, maybe to issue or to come up with a suggestion, and it's been suggested to me that we go to a county high school tax, the same tax for everyone for their schools in the county. Maybe that will be fair. Maybe that will get us out of the property tax field and that is a consideration of mine. But please, we have Amendment 4 coming up and that has changed considerably in the last two or three months. There is a good share of the property selling considerably under what the valuation is so that picture has taken a different complex, but please, urban senators and rural senators, let's cooperate on this and let's not ask the other person to pay our taxes. I see this coming up on the video lottery. It is fine if somebody else pays my taxes. Let's take time on this bill and let's study it and try to be fair to everyone.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. There are a number of lights on up here, somewhat of a permanent status. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp's amendment to the amendment does exactly what he was concerned about. It's going to accentuate the land grab situation. Now in the event that a new industry wants to come to Nebraska, with this amendment to the amendment, any businessman with enough brains to run a business is going to cast about and find a location in a Class I district where he can locate that business to his own tax advantage. We've seen that. We've seen it in the Columbus area. We've seen it in many other areas, in Grand Island. Senator Nelson can give you many instances out there I'm sure. As a result you perpetuate and you accentuate the differences which you already have. I want to say also that the DeCamp amendment locks into the already