

existing inequities. 75 percent of the rural land in Nebraska, my district is about evenly divided, 50-50, are we supposed to lock in the 50 percent that are in Class II, III and VI's and tell them you're locked into that inequity forever and ever? I don't think that's what you want, Senator DeCamp. I'm sure you do not. I'm concerned and I think more than most of you realize, about the perpetuation of the existing problems which have caused many rural areas to have financial difficulties. I wish Senator Johnson were here. I become a little nervous about Senator Johnson's reference to Amendment 4 and the different method of taxation. I want to just point out, Senator Johnson, for the record, we don't want to assess farmland differently than other property, we want it assessed on its earning capacity, the same as commercial property is assessed. But most important, I think you have to recognize that the further you isolate the issue, the further you aggravate the problem and the more difficult you make the solution. I think that we are discussing the issue. We have had some good debate. Senator Nelson has pointed out some of the problems. I recognize that the farther west you go, the greater becomes the resolution of the problem because of the distances and I would suggest as I have pointed out before, that in the past, in the past by my farm, always two, sometimes three and upon rare occasions four school buses have gone by my farm from four different schools. We don't always just run an educational system, we run the largest transportation system in the state, the largest restaurant system, a pretty good public health system. All that is being charged up to schools and one of these days if you start to run those school buses in a more efficient manner maybe we can hold down some of those costs. But, Senator DeCamp, I'm afraid your amendment does not address the old issue, it only isolates one portion of the issue and it may be a part of a solution to your problem, it is not a statewide solution. I would have to oppose Senator DeCamp's amendment to the amendment. It might be if you keep going, John, you might find something I can support.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the amendment to the amendment? Senators Landis or Hoagland? If not, Senator DeCamp, you may close.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, and, Senator Schmit, I do trust you will listen. Everything you said is exactly the opposite. At the present time you have the incentive for shopping to