

that they could actually see and feel the difference. And I think as you do some calculations in my district, you will find that it takes approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in an agricultural sector in order for the person to receive the upper end of this rebate in the \$1,000 category. As Senator Labeledz alluded to, the average taxpayer is in the neighborhood of a \$900 to \$1,000 taxpayer. Under a 10 percent plan they are going to receive about \$85 and probably in most cases will expend more than that in a one percent sales tax increase to receive a direct turnaround. As you view the activity, you can see very quickly that for the most part on this floor I see a direct correlation between various senators' own person net worth and their response to this particular bill. As you are in the situation between the ag-rural split, which I don't think we need to accentuate anymore than we already have, we have got Amendment 4 concerns that are out there with people and as we look at the \$1,000 or let's say we are talking about the \$600 split between the \$400 and \$1,000, that \$600 is going to, in my opinion, create a lot of animosity. It is going to create the general public looking at it, as Senator Higgins alluded to, the rich get rich and the poor get poorer. We have got all kinds of emotional concerns that are out there. And I think that as we look at that difference and we look at the commercial aspect, if I was a business person, I would rather see everybody in my community receiving, or at least in this case if we were at a \$400 limit, we would be looking at over half of all of the people in our community receiving a \$400 rebate. That \$400 rebate I think will be multiplied through those small communities from the commercial perspective tenfold. It would be a situation where far more than the \$600 gain that they may get, if they have three-quarters of a million dollars property, which I don't believe many of them do, but if they had that level, they are going to find that activity in a typical community, to have a \$300 rebate come back into the community for each household you are in a situation where they are going to be going out and buying a new wash machine or they are going to make a house improvement or they are going to be doing something substantive in terms of economic development in that community. I think that the thing is on such a short run self-serving nature, this \$1,000 level, that I think the animosity is going to be far more than what we really would like to see. I am going to find it very difficult to communicate with my constituents when they see a situation where we had an opportunity for