

out that the Vard Johnson amendment does several things. He refers to operational cost. Now we were somewhat more specific in the amendment that I had drawn. We allowed for the exemption of the cost of construction to be taken care of by property. I am not sure how you are going to handle that in this instance. Number two, we required a 60 percent approval of the voters for new school construction, another protection, not only for the property owner, but for the State of Nebraska. Number three, the allegation was offered here in good faith, I am sure, that we were mortgaging the future of the state with my amendment. Let me point out that unless you are going to mortgage one or the other, you are going to mortgage the state sales and income taxes and commit them to a certain course of action or you are going to mortgage the farm. Now I can understand Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp and I sold our farm. Lucky we did, John. But the point I want to make is this, that had we not done so, you would have been godfather out there in that territory to a number of children for the support of schools to the degree far greater than you would like to participate. Now there are some of the rest of us who are still involved and going to remain involved and I am curious as to how closely you are going to hug LB 662 as it marches toward Final Reading. I thought so. You are going to dance like you dance at some of those dances with the girl way out here. The point I want to make is this. There are many people...it is a strange combination of votes here that took off the Schmit amendment. I am not sure what is going to happen and I would prefer 45 percent to nothing, but I prefer the 33 and I would think that at some time we ought to take another look at this because I think that we are not making a strong enough commitment from sales and income taxes because I know that the demands on this state budget are going to continue to grow. Senator Warner and the budget committee have dug and burrowed and worked diligently to try to find resources to adequately fund the full responsibilities of state government and there comes a time when you have to decide do you fund the state responsibilities or local responsibilities from limited resources and under those circumstances justifiably you have to fulfill the state responsibilities first. But that gives the green light to other areas and particularly, I want to point out again, it isn't going to make any difference, ladies and gentlemen, how much of a burden you put upon the farm in Section 12 of Summit Township because on May 1st if I can't pay the taxes, I am not going to pay them, and the