

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR LAMB: ...paying a lot more dollars taxes because the levy won't go down proportionately to the increase in valuation. So you have those two situations where you are going to see a big increase in the farmers taxes in Scottsbluff County and you're going to see a big increase in the town taxes in a county such as Frontier and other primarily rural counties that have a decrease in ag land valuation. So I don't have a solution to this at this point. I would just like to know, let the people here know that I think there is a potential problem here that maybe this formula should be phased in over a number of years or perhaps we should make it 50 percent, make the valuation based 50 percent on this formula and maybe 50 percent on the formula or the way we did it before at least for a while until we can see how this thing shakes out.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I understand there is an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson had amendments printed to the committee amendments, but I was told that Senator Johnson wishes to withdraw those. Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Hefner and Landis and that amendment is on page 1911 of the Journal.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Are you taking them, Senator Hefner?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I just passed out a printout. You should have it on your desk and maybe you could follow it with me. The amendment is on page 1911 of the Journal. And what I am doing is I am adding more crops to the formula. The way the bill was drafted or the committee amendment was drafted, they just used crops. They didn't say how many crops they'd have to use and I believe in the original printout we only used four or five principal crops in Nebraska. I represent four counties in northeast Nebraska and I guess when I saw all the increases, well, I knew that I couldn't stand these and yet I felt that the earning capacity or income producing formula was the right way to go. In fact, during our special session last year I did have an amendment to do this and so I thought there ought to be a way where we could make this formula a little bit better and so we started