

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think the discussion on the DeCamp amendment has been very interesting. In the first place we have people standing up and saying that, you know, maybe, just maybe the farm organizations can be wrong about an issue. Maybe, just maybe I am going to have to vote against the farm organizations on an issue and it might be that I am going to vote against them because it might be going to raise my property taxes a little bit more than what it maybe should be because when I look across the state, mine is going to go up more than somebody else's. Well, I would suggest to you that maybe, just maybe you have been holding your property tax values down because of your county assessors over the last few years anyhow. And maybe, just maybe these same people are the same folks that should look back at the vet school issue yesterday and say, you know, maybe those farm groups are wrong at some other times too once in a while. Maybe those people really don't want to look at the future and see what the costs are going to be. It seems rather strange to me how the difference of one day can make, or how the difference of whether it is me going to be paying the taxes or spreading it out that everybody else is going to make. You know, a lot of the folks have been standing up and saying, we don't want to use income as a valuation method. Or a lot of the same people that have come to me in the past are saying, why the devil don't we use income as a measurement of wealth of school districts for this distribution of state funds? Well, I think we should do both. I think we should do both. I don't see anything wrong with using the productive capacity of land. It might cause some difficulties in the adjustments right now because of those differences that are out there and those are going to be hard to swallow, folks. It is going to be tough to do, but I can't see anything wrong with the concept. I can't see anything wrong with saying, you know, we had ought to base the value based on what it can produce, not what a couple of crazy fools might decide to run the price up to. Senator DeCamp says it is going to be difficult to figure this out. It is going to be difficult to understand, but it is easy to understand what 50 percent of actual value is. It is easy to understand what 50 percent of something is, I will tell you that, but how do you figure what the something is? Is it going to be easy to figure out what the value is, the actual value is? It hasn't been up to this point in time. I have never heard anybody stand up and say that the assessors are always right in figuring actual value. And I