

communities, Brainard, Dwight, et cetera. We are going to see a dramatic increase in the taxes of the homes in Brainard and Dwight, Nebraska, I think, because we have seen just a small drop in the valuation of the rural real estate in Butler County. I'd like to see that personally as a farmer, but I want to be sure that it is equitable for everyone. I think we have to recognize, and again, I appreciate the work that has been done and there have been times when I have voted on this floor with limited knowledge of a bill, but I can tell you very honestly that I'd like to have more information than I have at the present time about this bill, its impact, not just upon rural Nebraska, but upon many of the small communities and many of the Class I cities that we have across the state. So I would suggest that the DeCamp proposal may not be the best solution, but it is a solution. Now I know what some of you are going to say. You're going to say, well, we're going to be berated by the press. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the press doesn't vote on this floor. They have the privilege of anonymity. They have the privilege of voice without responsibility and the use it frequently and they use it fluently and they use it loud and use it on a variety of issues and it is of interest to me, I keep those clippings, and I like to go back and read them. If you were to reflect upon some of the advice we get from the press from time to time you'd find that they also have the privilege of reversing themselves without having their issues, their ideas placed in the statute.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But what we do here today goes into the statutes of Nebraska and the counties and the cities are going to have to live with it and it may be something that they cannot live with and I know that it's not going to have much of an impact upon Lancaster County, Sarpy County and Douglas County. It's going to have a dramatic impact upon the other ninety counties of this state. I visited just a little bit with Jack Mills. I think Jack recognizes his people can...will do what they have to do if we pass the bill, but we are going to create some problems out there and we knew that when we started, but I think we have an obligation to make that transition as painless as possible for those county boards and those cities who have to live with this. I would suggest that the DeCamp proposal is a method whereby we can slow down just a bit. I'm not saying