

I know you are going to pass the bill. I don't think it is wise. I think you should delay it. I think it is important these matters be in the record because three, or four, or five years from now when it does come out of it and it is shaped up and there is a farm economy existing again, Farm Bureau and those other groups are going to be down here crying. Now there are some benefits to the new formula. Don't let me kid you. It is centralized, statewide equalization for the first time. It is a completely new system but it is centralized and it is going to be equalized. My point is...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...that it will probably increase farm taxes on farm property to an unfair and inordinate amount over the near and for sure the long term. So I urge you to adopt the amendment, and if you choose not to adopt the amendment, I urge you to kill the bill, and if you choose not to do that, then pass it with the emergency clause, and I realize that sounds like a heck of a contradiction, but either pass it all with the E clause or don't do it at all and delay it a year, and I am asking you to delay it a year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am going to rise to support Senator DeCamp's amendment, and one of the basic reasons is that when I was back home last weekend, I stopped in at the ASCS Office and I made inquiries about the federal government's program that they are going to come out with. And I was told at the ASCS Office that under the present program, the federal government is going to take the wheat farmer back to the 1977 base for the number of acres that he can plant wheat. Well, now let's just assume that someone had 1,000 acres of wheat. This is going to cut them back 40 percent. Well, now part of this bill is based on productivity. So what happens if the bill passes and a wheat farmer, for example, and I could not find out but am attempting to find out about corn farmers, what if it is cut back, then what happens to the value of that land. Well, I can tell you now the value of that land is going to go down, because anytime you cut 40 percent of the income from a piece of property, it is going to go down in value. I spoke to Senator Landis about this yesterday and I don't know whether he really