

drain as far as what we do with land values. We have free rein, but one more time I am asking that we be a bit cautious here because I don't think the homework has been properly done. I don't think we want to accept status quo as meaning statewide valuations are the same. We are going to have major disruptions within counties where the total valuation may stay approximately the same. So you are going to have problems there that I don't think a lot of people are thinking about. I support the DeCamp amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I also rise in support of Senator DeCamp's motion. I know that Senator Lamb has just stated that some of the assessors are now getting a little bit concerned about this. One of the ones that came down and testified in favor of the bill was the assessor from Banner County, Bob Downer, who is very well respected in this state among assessors, and he was in support of the bill as it first came out, but he is now having some real concerns about it, and his concern is that we are going to have centralized assessment in this state, and he is saying now that the way the bill is written now and with some of the amendments on there that we are going to be turning over all authority over assessment to the Department of Revenue here in Lincoln, and he is not too wild about that. He said we are taking away all of the flexibility that the county assessors have. Another thing that Senator Landis mentioned is that, you know, we might possibly...the only choice we have is to go to the '85 land manual but I think that some of those values could be very, very effectively challenged in court if we did end up with those values because of the fact that they do not reflect actual value in the farmland area right now. So I would just urge you to support the motion to return and also to urge you to support Senator DeCamp's amendment and to give us some more time to consider what we are doing here with these formulas. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Senator Nelson, then Senator Hefner, then Senator Schmit. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise against Senator DeCamp's amendment. In the first place, there is two or three things. I, for one, do not want to be accused of not doing my homework. I guess because of what you did to my alcohol bill the last few weeks and days, I