

SENATOR ABOUD: \$2.00?

SENATOR HEFNER: I wouldn't know.

SENATOR ABOUD: \$3.00? No one knows, do they?

SENATOR HEFNER: No, they don't, not exactly.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you, Senator Hefner. I think this underpins the whole point of my problems with this piece of legislation. It's a hoax, it's a Trojan horse as far as I am concerned that there is going to be some tremendous cost savings by not funding or not, at least, leaving the homestead exemption on the books. We can discuss this issue next session after our discussions on this particular fiscal problems that we're having right now. But I see no reason for us to rush into doing away with the homestead exemption when we have some other rather weighty fiscal matters that we're going to have to be discussing during the remainder of this session. I didn't see any purpose to having this in the special session and I don't see any purpose to passing this legislation at this particular time. I know a large number of you freshmen that came into office here during the campaign were all discussing the idea of property tax relief. You all were going to promise the people of this state property tax relief. Well, here is your opportunity to give them property tax relief and if you want to do away with their only hope, their only visible hope of having property tax relief this next session, then go ahead and vote for this piece of legislation. But I think those among us, such as Senator Higgins, that are willing to stand up and say, yes, I'm going to put my money where my mouth is. I'm going to stand up and I'm going to vote against LB 6 because I want to give those people property tax relief. Those are the type of people that the voters are going to remember and they are going to also remember those that voted against property tax relief because when those bills come out, especially in Douglas County next January, they are going to be upset about property tax relief. They are going to be upset about their property tax rates. I urge the people of this, or the members of this body to consider this rather weighty decision on whether you are going to shut the only door for property tax relief for the voters of this state. Thank you.