

have, I suppose, large residential areas, yes, but I have a lot of businesses. I have a hospital, I have a college, a lot of schools, private schools, I have a Madonna Care Center, so it's not just people who live in homes who are paying attention to our tax problems. I do have a couple of questions that I would like to ask. One more comment. See, I think this amendment, great as it sounds, it's holding out something to homeowners that I don't think will ever happen and I think that's unkind, to say the least, because homeowners still feel that they're the ones who take the brunt of all of our tax programs. LB 1059 has not worked in Lincoln like it was supposed to work. We are still paying higher taxes because of the school district and we want to support our schools, but I do not like it when people stand up on this floor and say, this is going to help your homeowners because I swear I'll live to see that, I'm sure, if it ever helps the homeowners, I'll take you all out and buy you something, I'm not sure what. But I do have two quick questions. I think that one of these was answered, but I want to be sure when you talk about the collection fees you're talking about the retail fee that the retailers get. Senator Hall, would you answer?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: That the retailer...the collection fee they get for collecting the sales tax, you're going to leave that the way it was in 829 even though we promised a year ago just about this time that it was only going to be for a year, right?

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. Then the other thing, on page 115 of your amendment it says there shall be an exemption from taxation the first \$10,000 of the actual value of the homestead. What's actual?

SENATOR HALL: It's the value that the assessor puts on it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. See, you see, there...for me, that is the real klunker in this amendment because evaluations are an argument we go through this every year and the assessors, I am sure, hate to see the time when they have to evaluate about actual value. Actual value, for me I guess, would be what I could sell my house for and not everybody is going to go out and sell their houses just to prove that that's the actual value, so