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LB 1063

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think you understood my question. Say that a homeowner gets a homestead exemption now, an elderly, would this...?

SENATOR HALL: No, this would neither replace nor supplement that.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, this would supplement, okay. I appreciate the clarification on there. I wasn't sure. And it's true that the \$100 million will be picked up by real estate, is that right, is that correct, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and okay, let's take a 100,000 dollar home, they would probably pay a little more because their real estate levy would go up a little, wouldn't it?

SENATOR HALL: That's possible. The break off figure is probably right around at \$100,000 level.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, let's change that a little. Say a quarter of a million dollar house, they would definitely pay a little more.

SENATOR HALL: Well, sure because the \$10,000 exemption to them is not going to be near what it would be to the average home in Nebraska which is about \$45,000.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, but then the person that lived in the 45 or \$50,000 house, they would be getting a bigger break than the one that lived in a more expensive.

SENATOR HALL: Sure, close to 20 to 25 percent.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I think this is a better way to go and I'm for taking all personal property off the tax rolls. Like I said before, I believe that LB 1063 is flawed and some of the proponents of this bill says, well, we got to get these centrally assessed property owners to pay their fair share and this way we get them. Well, folks, railroads will not pay any personal property tax in Nebraska. It's just that simple and I don't think any way that we structure 1063 that they will pay. Also, we have a depreciated value of farm machinery and breeding livestock. Let me tell you