

level who pays for the taxes there. And what this would do is give a little more local option, a little more local control. Now if we put this section...certainly I would have some concern, I guess, depending on how Ak-Sar-Ben is treated, but if Ak-Sar-Ben is included, I think Douglas County residents should have that option of determining whether or not that agricultural, horticultural type land ought to be...or horticultural society land ought to be exempted or not. Even during the heyday of Ak-Sar-Ben, I would think you would find, and certainly in a day when Ak-Sar-Ben was making a ton of money, that there would be people that did not support having exemptions for Ak-Sar-Ben and maybe because of the amount it was making. But in any event, what this does is it gets back to a local issue. Property taxes, as we know, constitutionally are for local purposes. What this is doing is taking the state out of that mix and saying that we are not dealing anymore on a state level. We are going to look and see what the people in our counties do. Senator Schellpeper mentioned that this would affect every county fair in the state, and I guess I would say that it might affect county fair in the state, and that is if the people of that particular county said no. That may be something that is for the people of those particular counties to deal with. There may be...there may be the people of Douglas County or Lancaster County that don't want it exempted, that don't think this is generally, I guess, not as agricultural as it might be in many of the other counties in the state, but those counties, they may say it is important that we keep our county fairgrounds tax exempt. But I think that it is something that is legitimately kept at the local level, and I guess I'm...I guess I have some mixed feelings on it, but I think it is something that, I don't know if Senator Chambers may have offered this in a facetious sort of manner, but I am not sure that it's...

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SENATOR LINDSAY: ...the case because, you know, it is something I guess I have never looked at, and we keep coming back here and saying this is who will pay tax, this is who won't pay tax, and we try to craft decisions for the entire state, when everybody I think here knows that certainly Senator Robak's counties are completely different from the area I represent, and her counties are going to be completely different from Senator Jones'