

counties, who are much less densely inhabited, and I think that's something that maybe we take into account, maybe it is something...and I am not sure that we just adopt this, but it is something we can certainly start looking at as a way of maybe get around the constant disputes we have over property taxes. And I think it is, personally, something that we ought to take a look at. And I might not...some of the other areas, maybe I wouldn't support this as far as educational, and I think that's his next amendment, educational, religious, charitable, and cemetery organizations may be a different case and just simply ought to be exempted, but there is some of these...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Time. Senator Robak.

**SENATOR ROBAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I strongly oppose the Chambers amendment for those counties that...the county in which I reside has an agricultural society in which our county does have our Platte County races, and we are tax exempt at this time. And I certainly do agree with Senator Schellpeper that every county fair in the state would be affected by this, and I see no reason to change it right now because I think it should be left at the local level. If the counties would want to do, to have taxed this, they would have done this a long time ago. Apparently they do not, or they would not have left it this way. I urge the strong...I think the Chambers amendment should be indefinitely postponed. Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Fisher.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Robak, with the statute the way it is, the counties cannot tax them. They are exempt from the sales...the personal property tax because of this statute, so I am not saying they cannot be exempt. I am saying each county would make this determination. So if there are people in the smaller counties, or in the populous counties, who feel that these societies are doing something to merit being exempted from personal property taxes that others are paying, other organizations with similar property, then it wouldn't be hard for them, at an election, to get a majority of the people voting to vote them the exemption. On the other hand, if the people in the county don't feel they should have that exemption, then they will not have it. And what that would tell us is that in the county where it was voted