

### **Property tax is unfair**

3 different tax groups all should be treated exactly the same.

2 are based on property value

1 is based on "capitalized annual gross returns" ie what gets grown on it

1 exempts buildings the other 2 don't

1 can get exemptions depending on location, improvements or just moving in

1 doesn't get any exemptions and gets their taxes raised to pay the exemptions of the other 2

If any government entity owns any property.. no tax.. the rest of us pick up their tab too

### **ND Constitution**

#### Article VIII

Section 2 The legislative assembly **shall provide** for a uniform system of free public schools throughout the state, beginning with the primary and extending through all grades up to and including schools of higher education except that the legislative assembly may authorize tuition, fees and service charges to assist in the financing of public schools of higher education.

Looks to me like K-12 is entirely on the legislative assembly.

#### Article X

Section 1. The legislative assembly **shall be prohibited** from raising revenues to defray the expenses of the state through the levying of a tax on the assessed value of real or personal property.

**Question** Why is the largest part of my property tax bill for the school. Why is that?

I see that many bills coming out of both houses deal with child care, school lunches, fuel assistance, welfare etc.

Eliminating this unfair property tax would greatly lessen the need for all the handouts as the people could spend the money they normally give to the government for the privilege of living in their own house, farming their own land, or running their own business on buying their own food, taking care of their own children and buying their own fuel.

With the increased revenues business' could raise wages, landowners could reduce rent, farmers could see increased profits and buy more equipment thus starting the whole cycle over again.

But main gist of this whole bill comes down to will you let the people vote? Just like you are going to let the people vote on "sports betting."

There is an ever increasing amount of people who will be watching this with great interest and we're really hoping you will give us a chance to vote on this issue.