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"I once said that two things you don't want to see made are laws and sausage," Zorinsky said. "Laws are made in rooms where hearings are held, where mark-up sessions are held, where your signature is brought to bear by

your amendments being put on the bills.

"I've seen many pieces of legislation back there that didn't represent the original intent of the author after Jim Exon and I got through with it," he said.

Zorinsky said Nebraskans

should also consider Exon's seniority position in the Senate when voting. Senior members sit on conference committees which combine similar House and Senate bills.

"Being a conferee probably has more power as to how a piece of legislation is going to turn out — regardless of whose name is on it — than any other thing that can happen in Congress," he said.

Kerrey said every piece of agricultural legislation will come due in 1985 and he expects assaults on rural, highway and urban development funds — all vital to Nebraska.

"We truly do need someone like Jim Exon who has experience and knows how to fight the fights," Kerrey said.

Exon said he does not like to use outside politicians in his campaign but he feels differently about Zorinsky and Kerrey.

"When they speak," Exon said, "I hope Nebraska will listen."

Exon again stressed bipartisanship, one of his campaign themes. Both senators said they voted with the "interests of the people" rather than with Republicans or Democrats.

Exon said his opponent, Nancy Hoch has been "very clearly and appropriately" placed in the "rubber stamp category" because she insists on making party affiliation an issue. Elected officials must be more flexible since they represent people of both parties, he said.

Exon said the Congressional Quarterly, Congress' record published showed that he and Zorinsky vote with President

Reagan more than some Republicans. Zorinsky said Reagan thanked him about a month ago for his support.

"At least the Republican administration appreciates it, even if Jim Exon's political opponents don't," he said.

Republican challenger Nancy Hoch has criticized the amount of Exon's accomplishments and has questioned his effectiveness in the Republican-dominated Senate.

Exon said his latest poll shows him ahead by 22 to 24 percent. He is drawing about 85 percent of the Democratic vote and just under half of the Republicans polled.

Although he thinks Nancy Hoch will benefit from the "coattail effect" of Reagan's anticipated success in Nebraska, Exon said, he is "not concerned" about it.

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Amendment's failure could increase ag tax

By Gene Gentrup
Daily Nebraskan Staff Reporter

Farmland taxes will increase if Amendment Four fails to pass in next Tuesday's election, according to participants of an agricultural land debate Tuesday.

The debate featured Richard Mercer, chairman of the Ag Land committee and president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association, and state Sen. James Pappas of Hershey on the pro side. On the opposing side were Charlie Bacon, executive vice president of the Nebraska Tax Research Council, and state Sen. Don Wesley of Lincoln.

Mercer said if the amendment doesn't pass, some areas in Ne-

braska will see property tax increase as high as 60 percent. He said, however, that the amendment was not a tax relief for farmers.

"What we're attempting to do is amend the Constitution to allow Nebraska to continue down the same path that farmland has been looked at for over a century," Mercer said.

Mercer said the amendment does not do anything except allow the Legislature to look at agricultural land and set it in a different classification for land valuation purposes.

Bacon, who calls the amendment a "very unsound bad tax policy," said his research council doesn't oppose the measure because of politics, but because of its method of classifying land.

"The system is set up to have different classes of taxpayers and to tax each one differently. This method has been chaos for other states," Bacon said.

He said at least three other states use the special classifying system, including Minnesota.

"They are all disastrous," he said.

Pappas called the present tax policy "unsound" and said it will get more unsound as the years go by.

"I feel strongly that Amendment Four, if passed, is a first step toward true equalization of the property tax burden among all types of property owners whether they live in Lincoln or in Burwell," Pappas said.

Sen. Wesley said if Amendment Four passes the inequities of property will become clearer.

"One inequity upon another will make it difficult to assess property value," he said. "We must deal with the problem in a more effective manner."

Bacon disagreed with proponents of the amendment and said it will not maintain the status quo everybody thinks it will.

"It will not solve the problem we want it to," Bacon said.

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6:16 a.m. — Medical emergency reported at University Health Center. Person was transported to Lincoln General Hospital.

9:12 a.m. — Gasoline reported stolen from a vehicle near Bessey Hall.

9:32 a.m. — Wallet reported stolen from Henzlik Hall.

10:28 a.m. — Miscellaneous car parts reported stolen from a car in the metered parking area near Abel Hall.

4:04 p.m. — Person reported creating a disturbance at Burnett Hall. Person was taken to a hospital.

4:20 p.m. — Miscellaneous car parts reported stolen from a car in Parking Area 2 near 18th and Vine streets.