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LB 159

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I just want to briefly rise to support LB 159. My support is based on experience. The northeast counties, and I believe there are twenty-three of them, have used the guide as if it were mandatory and the result of that was just excellent. There was no problem within those counties and there certainly was no problem between those counties after the last reassessment. If all ninety three counties would have used it as a mandatory guide we would not have had the problem that we are facing now. So I strongly urge you to support LB 159. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair is having a little difficulty finding out who is speaking so may we have a little order in the house, please. The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes. Do you wish to speak on the motion? Okay, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I support this bill and the reason I support it is because one of the largest problems or the biggest problem we have in Nebraska is equalization of property for tax purposes. I feel that bill which mandates county assessors to use this manual would help that. We need equalization in the counties and we also need them between the counties. Also a member of the legislative committee of the county officials appeared before the Revenue Committee and supported this bill wholeheartedly. The two amendments that we adopted, the one amendment says that the tax commissioner should revise this manual annually and of course with the many changes that we have in Nebraska we feel that this is vitally important to do so. Also we need to continue the 3% revolving fund because this will bring us in more money so that we can provide for the expense of the Ad Valorem Tax Committee and to also be used to update this manual. I urge you to support this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch, then Senator Dworak and then Senator Kahle. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, a question of Senator Carsten if he would yield.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Carsten, I support the intent of the bill. My bill problem is and the question should be, is this going to be mandatory upon the county and the tax commissioner?