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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Senator Dworak, you have one minute on your time.

SENATOR CARSTEN: ...that he will make note of that to the local level and hope for that correction and then if not, otherwise take action.

SENATOR DWORAK: Okay, in the last minute, and I would like the attention of people that have been very concerned about this equalization of property across the state, Senator Newell, Senator Koch, Senator Keyes, some people that have been very serious about this, Senator Kahle, I do not think this wording is strong enough. I do not think this wording says what Senator Carsten says the intent is. Senator Carsten indicated the intent is is that they use these standardized guides and aids from the tax commissioner exclusively. That is not what this bill says. This bill says they shall use them but it does not preclude them from using some other vehicle in coming out with an end result of a combination of the two. I do not have an amendment prepared. I am not sure it is even possible to amend this bill, but I will study this and try to get an amendment on Select File to make sure that the intent of this bill and the wording of this bill is in total compliance. I am not going to hold the bill up on General File, Senator Carsten, but that amendment if necessary will be forthcoming on Select File.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I think that one of the biggest breakdowns that we have had over the state in our reappraisal that none of us are really happy with, that we have had a lot of problems with was the fact that we developed a very fine manual several years ago within the state and it was a nice thick book and it had a lot of stuff in it but some assessors did not use it. It was not mandatory. I am not against Senator Dworak or anybody else putting more teeth into this if they think it is necessary. I guess the word "shall" if carried out to the extent that I think it should be would cover it, because we do have a lot of teeth in that statute if you just read it, in the statute book now that the tax commissioner does have the power to do a lots of things that he had not done in the past. But I certainly think the only way that we are ever going to get close to equalization is if it is mandatory that all assessors use the same guidelines and I believe this is a step in the right direction and had we had this some two or three, four years ago we probably would not be in the mess we are in right now. Thank you.