

SENATOR WARNER: Excuse me...Senator Newell, is all tax exempt real estate included in this to be estimated value, or as near as actual as possible?

SENATOR NEWELL: No, Senator, the...what we're suggesting to do in this area...right now as you know, the present laws and we're allowing for the present laws for tax exempt property, such as, you know, a nursing home or a church, or school, those that are religious, charitable, or nonprofit have to reapply every four years to the County Boards to get an exemption, and that...in the reapplication, the County Board then has to publish once every four years the granting of the exemption in the paper, and so what happens, all we're asking for additionally from that law, is that they send copies of what they publish to the Revenue Department, the purpose there being is just to get them to be conscious that somebody's looking at the reports so that they'll make those reviews a little more closely, you know, on the local level, but no, we're not asking for any valuation on that. And there's some other good reasons. If you would allow me, I can explain some of the other good reasons. The situation we have is this, we're asking for information that we can get. We're not asking for information that is not going to be of any value, or we're not asking for information that we will not be able to, you know, we're only asking for estimates on that information that we will be able to get. The purpose here is so that we have an overall picture of what we are doing and what we have done. It does not assume that we're going to, you know, take away these exemptions. It does not assume that we're going to do anything with them. Legitimate exemptions...we are not going to be able to do anything with and so for that reason we don't want that additional information, Senator Warner. We know that we're not going to change those exemptions. They're in the constitution. They're not...and they're not even allowed... you know, we, by law, can't even change them. So for that reason, you know, we're not asking for that kind of information.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You've got one minute left on this...

SENATOR NEWELL: I'll let you have your time back, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you again. I would not vote to advance the bill at this point, and I don't know if we will or not today. Although I am in total concurrence with what is done, I would certainly want to wait and see what kind of estimates of cost the local government might occur and I do note that a current fiscal note reflecting the committee amendments is