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LB 294

advanced. Now Senator Keyes...or...Senator Keyes, we're ready for 294. Okay, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the bill...LB 294 introduced by Senator Keyes...(Read title of LB 294.) The bill was first read on January 16. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. There are Committee amendments by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Carsten, Committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the Committee amendments. The Committee amendments to LB 294 make some changes from the original bill. Basically, the amendments would amend Section 77-348 to provide five members of the ad valorem Advisory Committee could petition the Governor for a joint meeting between the Committee and the State Board of Equalization on assessment. That provision could only call for that meeting to last one calendar day, believing that any extension of that would just be a waste of time. However if two-thirds vote of that Committee and the Board of Equalization was adopted, it could be extended but really would be unnecessary. Also, it would make the Advisory Committee an advisory body to both the Tax Commissioner and the State Board. As of now, this Committee only is advisory to the Tax Commissioner. It would appear that this Committee, and it is from the desires of the local level that this provision was put in, the Advisory Committee felt that they did not have as much input to the State Board as they should have, and it was for this reason that the advisory to the State Board was also provided for. In the original bill there was a provision for a fifty dollar per diem for this Advisory Committee. In view of the fact that these people that are on the Advisory Committee are a county official, and do have accounts that they can use, it was felt unnecessary to provide any financing for them, and it was removed. The original bill...or the original version was to have the Tax Commissioner as Chairman or Chairperson of the Committee. We would hope that this would be maintained. There was a recommendation that the Chairperson be named from that Committee, but Mr. Harrington, who is now the Director of Revenue felt that it was really necessary and probably should not be removed from...the Commissioner should not be removed from being Chairperson to give some leeway in calling meetings and the agenda, etc., so that portion was left in. There was a segment of it that called for the Committee meetings to be held