

quarterly and in various areas across the state. The Tax Commissioner again felt that this was not really the right thing to do, suggested that we again leave that to the discretion of the Commissioner and for him to set the place and time of meeting, and we agreed with that and incorporated that into the amendments to the bill. I want to also say, if I may, Mr. President, that this was one of the things that the Oversight Committee was confronted with many times during the summer when we held hearings across the state, and was given the input from these people that that Advisory Committee should be more useful in their efforts in advising in their roles on taxation and revenue. The Committee was aware that Senator Keyes and his Revenue Committee were also contemplating the introduction of a bill in this area, so the Oversight Committee backed off, and thus LB 294 was introduced by Senator Keyes. Again, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move for the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Committee amendments to 294. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Do you want to speak to the Committee amendments? Okay.

SENATOR KEYES: If you will look at the statement. It came out without a dissenting vote, yet I want you to know that I do not think that this makes it the strongest bill that could be, when it says, I just said in the regular bill it said that the Committee shall consult with and advise the State Board of Equalization and Assessments. I felt that that was the main thing that the state...that this Committee who represent the eight different taxing districts of the State of Nebraska, and the Committee, and I thought the Committee should have this say, that it shall study all matters it considers appropriate. The members of the Committee, while attending meetings, and this is something that I think we really need in there...attending meetings shall receive compensation at the rate of fifty dollars...if that's too much, forty or thirty, we have some counties outstate in which their tax assessor probably works for a thousand or two thousand dollars a year, farms, or is in business besides, and he needs some compensation when he's coming down here, otherwise...the transportation, because he is going to leave his job. That's the only reason that I put that in there. The ad valorem Advisory Committee shall select the members of the Committee from the members of the Committee, a Chairman. Now I realize that our Tax Commissioner