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SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Cope, that is up to the Legislature to provide. I can't answer that. That is up to the Legislature to provide if this should pass.

SENATOR COPE: Well but the bill as written, is what I would like to know.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator, it is Senator Simon's bill...

SENATOR COPE: All right. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Cope, it is a constitutional amendment after if it was passed by the people, nothing could happen until a bill was passed by this body. Okay, that would only allow us then to decide whether or not we wanted to enact enabling legislation which my feeling is, to provide for a certain percentage of grace on the example that you gave. So for example, if you made a \$10,000 improvement to your house, my personal feeling would be that we would provide a certain percentage, say one-third exemption.

SENATOR COPE: That I understand but I am talking about the areas.

SENATOR SIMON: Everywhere. That is as simple as I could... every place.

SENATOR COPE: Well, then I guess I couldn't support it. If it were...we had a bill several years ago and it was for areas, say in Omaha, downtown Omaha or some of the older areas that need refurbishing, then I think it is good but just to let everyone no matter whether they can afford it or not, then I don't know. That bothers me. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I guess I haven't understood just exactly what is going on here but if we are talking about taking remodeling of our homes anywhere in the state off of the tax rolls, I am definitely against it. I think... Senator Simon, would you respond and tell me exactly what this does?

SENATOR SIMON: I had hoped that we could adopt the committee amendments but I guess we are just going to go ahead and discuss the bill and then the committee amendments become the bill. So let me explain it, Senator Kahle. This