

well we'll have so much more building that it won't make any difference and it will be good. I don't know where you're going to get the carpenters and the equipment and the tools to do the job, because right now it's very hard to get work done. If we were in a depression or in a state where there were people looking for jobs and wanting to do the work, I could see maybe an angle from that aspect that we would be creating some new jobs. That's not the case, and again I would state that I'm not against for giving improvement taxes on certain blighted areas, and we've talked about this with a number of bills before in the Legislature, but to just in a blanket sweep say that all improvements that are made in construction would not be taxed to full value for five years really bothers me. We have all kinds of problems raising money to run government, especially at the county and the school level. Now we're saying what we're going to forgive anything that you do to your property, at least half of it, for five years. One of the other things that bothers me is the fact that it's going to cause great confusion in the Assessor's office. I don't think it says that you have to take off half of it or anything else. It just says it can be decided by the powers that be. I suppose that's the County Board, or whoever it might be that's in charge. So it certainly would not be spelled out in plain language exactly what they're talking about. Another thing that would be a problem is how do you determine the cost, or the value of the improvements? Unless you had a contract with a turn-key job, you really wouldn't know, because if you were going to do some of the painting yourself, or some of the building, some of the cabinet work, whatever it might be, you...

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR KAHLE: ...you certainly could not tell exactly what that property was worth. It just seems to me that it's the wrong way to go, especially when we have a tight crunch on our taxation and we're trying our best now to get equalization. You're going to foul up equalization again, because this is part of the program. The Assessor is going to have to go out and say, well we're going to appraise your old part of your house, but if you build on to it we're going to forgive part of it. I guess in closing I'll just say I'm just not in favor of exempting any more taxes of any kind. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, and then Senator Nichol and