

then Senator Cope. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, let me answer a number of questions or actually some misstatements, some misinterpretations Senator Kahle has made about the bill. I don't know if that will eliminate his objections, but at least I want the record clear. Senator Kahle, the first point that you raised was that it was going to be very difficult to compute this. Quite the contrary, it's very simple. The Legislature, if this bill is passed, and if the citizens of Nebraska vote for this, a bill will have to come back before the body the following year, and then a percentage will be determined by this legislative body, whether it be a twenty-five percent exemption, thirty percent, forty percent, fifty percent. Now I think, Senator Kahle, the assessors in your district and across the state of Nebraska can multiply by ten, or by five, or divide. I don't think there's really any problem with taking fifty percent of new improvements and making that determination. Do you see that as a problem, Senator Kahle...dividing by fifty percent? Is that going to cause any problem to your assessor? Dividing it by one-half?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well I certainly think it will, because he's not going to know the exact value of that property.

SENATOR SIMON: That wasn't the question I asked. Can he divide by two? I think he can. As far as the exact value, Senator Kahle, that's very simple too, because the house or the building is going to be assessed. It's got an assessed value for this year. When they assess it at the next year, if there is improvements, all they have to do is take the higher figure and subtract what it was from last year, and that's what the difference is going to be. Certainly, Senator Kahle, right now if I make an improvement on my property, believe me they raise the increase of that evaluation, and they raise it...there's no magical formula. They understand how to do it. Believe me, if I make a three thousand dollar improvement, are you going to try and tell me that they're not going to increase my assessed valuation three thousand dollars...

SENATOR KAHLE: What I'm telling you is...

SENATOR SIMON: I'm not asking you a question, Senator Kahle, I'm just making rhetorical comments. Believe me, they're going to increase that valuation three thousand dollars, and I don't think you're going to try and tell