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go ahead, Senator Cope. Go ahead and then I'll get to Senator Nichol.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I would oppose this for the reasons that I did the other day. It covers everyone, and I don't believe this should be. For blighted areas, yes, we've had bills like that in before. But I can see no reason why everyone should have an exemption if they improve their homes, their real estate, and I cannot believe, Senator Simon, that it will not cost tax money for the simple reason that if a person can afford to do it, and they fix their home, and it is assessed at a different rate the next year or in two years, or three years, or four years, they're going to be paying more taxes and it's...because this is a five year span. Yes, for blighted areas, whether it's business or residential, I certainly am sympathetic and I think it's good. There I believe that you are going to get more taxes because that area is running down and anything that you do to build it up in five years you are going to get more taxes, but for just a blanket bill, I just can't support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, and then Senator Maresh, and then Senator Koch.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment on the desk. Maybe we could take that now, or must I wait till we are through with this one?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have already...

SENATOR NICHOL: Just asking.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, let's take up the amendment. Let's take up Senator Nichol's amendment. Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol moves to amend... (Read Nichol amendment as found on Page 1246 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you look in your bill book, the Committee amendment really is the big deal in this bill as I see it. What it does for five years it has relief from taxation of the increase in assessed valuation of the existing structures, and I merely added new building, which means instead of adding a porch on, if you build a whole new house, you get the same reduction. Now this is fair, simply because I want to add a porch on to my building, and