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LB 65

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 65 is a recodification of the Homestead Exemption. It is basically just a recodification. This amendment basically would add the emergency clause to one section of the bill, thereby allowing county assessors to grant rebates a little earlier. I move that the amendment be returned to Select File for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Newell. Senator Newell, if this is simply a recodification of the law, why is it necessary to have the emergency clause? I missed something there in the explanation.

SENATOR NEWELL: The County Officials Association, Senator Cullan, has asked because of the recodification there is a change in the...for mobile homes that was passed last year, and another change that was passed this year, and because of that those people who...those mobile home owners who would receive Homestead Exemption are unable to claim it. They've paid in already and they can't get a rebate, and this will allow for a rebate to happen for those mobile homes, so that they can, in fact, receive the provisions of the Homestead Exemption for this year.

SENATOR CULLAN: Then your amendment, Senator Newell, will have the effect of an increased fiscal impact to counties?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well it was the intent...as I understand it, it was the intent to allow those...this to happen, and what happened was that in the process of passing another bill, this just became a problem. Now the County Officials Association brought the amendment to me so that they could, in fact, provide the rebate. As you know, Homestead Exemptions have fiscal impacts to the state, not to the counties.

SENATOR CULLAN: I'm glad you clarified that for me, Senator Newell, and I appreciate your taking the time to straighten me out.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, no, except that I was going to comment to Senator Cullan that if we pass another bill this session