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should have a hearing on it first and let some of the smaller counties come in and tell us how it would affect them. I supported the bill out of committee for Lancaster County because they just couldn't give enough time to the persons that came in and protested the valuation of their particular property. At the present time Douglas County is doing it and it is working very good, but to give this authority to the smaller counties I would I guess have some reservations about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, we are speaking to the DeCamp amendment. Senator Stoney. Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Kahle and I...I suppose are the only two that have been there and this is a situation where taxpayers come in and say, look, my taxes are too high, and this year that is what they are saying again I understand. But the way it really works, and Senator Kahle was touching on it is that a person thinks their taxes are too high, they file a protest, then come in before the county commissioners. Now the county commissioners must sit there now and face them eyeball to eyeball but they already have some help. Who is that help? First of all, they have the county assessor who has available a picture of the property and all about the property, what it is appraised at, assessed at, and so forth, and that assessor should have that information. Secondly, the county supervisors, the county commissioners have the county attorney who may be sitting there and usually is sitting there, I suppose, or if he is not sitting there he ought to be. So the county commissioners do have some help available now. I have no objection to Lancaster County having this person of wide experience and knowledge as a helper to dispose of cases because many of these cases are disposed of anyway as the people come in and visit with the appraiser and the assessor and find out why their taxes have been raised. So I don't know that it is necessary and I would oppose Senator DeCamp's amendment at the time being because it has not had a hearing and if they want that they can send that back to the committee for a hearing as we did yesterday on one of the other bills, but I do appreciate that Lancaster County needs the extra expertise to handle these cases.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, if I could talk to Senator DeCamp for a moment.