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herring or any other kind of fish out here, old John ain't dragging her through. I think Howard is kind of doing a little fishing this morning himself. He has got the red herrings, not me. The issue is equalization, better equalization, and Senator Lamb, one final word on that subject, if something isn't done in the next twelve to fifteen months, and I say this as a warning, a threat, a promise, anything you want to call it...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...if we don't do something as a Legislature on property taxes, I am going to be working with the individuals that say, okay, hey, we will go the petition route, we will get it on the ballot, we will shove it down your throat because we are fed up with having our property confiscated by property taxes. I don't think you realize just how serious this property tax thing is in this state, and if this one little bit of information...this one little thing will help a little, then we should do it, and it will.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I have got three more lights up here. Senator Beutler, Senator Sieck, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would prefer to save mine for the closing, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I do have to agree with Senator DeCamp that we may have a catastrophe as our property taxes are concerned, but I have to disagree with him that this little issue is not going to have any iota thing about the revaluation or equalization. All we are asking in that bill is to have a referee, and I don't think it is going to help one bit to have this individual. All that the county commissioners do have now they have at their fingertips to get this equalization, to get the information, and all the referee is going to do is going to be the hearing body. He is going to hear it out and then present the case to the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners then have to make that decision, and I feel out in the country these people should go out and take a look and they are doing it, they are doing it in my county and I know they have raised some assessments. Some people have complained about their tax and it actually went up because the county commissioners went out there and took a look and seen, well you are undervalued, and it went up. So I move to defeat this amendment, or this bill now. I was

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