

that there is more land than is developed, but frankly the key there is that it is in fact strictly zoned as Senator Warner said. In fact, what we have in terms of cost in Lancaster County versus Douglas County, is really still a matter of supply. Lancaster County very wisely limits the supply. They say that you can not develop land that is not contiguous. I wish Douglas County would say that. They do not. That is a product of the City Council and the county's growth policy. Senator Warner indicates that this bill is only aimed at solving Douglas County's problems and that is not correct. This bill is aimed at solving the inability for us to use the greenbelt law. We have not used the greenbelt law in any other county in the state except for Douglas County. Lancaster County today does not use the greenbelt law. It intends to this coming year but it does not, it does not and has not up till this time used it because of the Attorney General's decision. Douglas County Commissioner's are abusing and are interpreting this incorrectly but that is another question again. The issue here is whether we are going to straighten up the law so we can use it and set a reasonable interest rate. There is no disagreement between Senator Warner and I on the merits of how we resolve the Attorney General's opinion and those kinds of arguments. The only argument heretofore before we started moving to seven or three years is the argument over the interest rate and it was only a 2% differentiation from what I was willing to compromise on and what Senator Warner was demanding. That is a very significant compromise from what the interest rates are on everything else, 14%. We are living in a different time now. With that I would withdraw my amendment and will discuss the Warner amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Your amendment is withdrawn. Senator Warner, do you want to vote on your amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Only to say this again for the body's information. It is true that Lancaster County is implementing it this year and the prime reason it was not implemented before, they did not have a zoning classification that was limited to qualify for the exclusive agricultural type zoning. It was implemented about two or three years ago and it is this year that they are finally implementing the law, and to my knowledge, with no problem. So I see no need for change but I do in terms of Lancaster County zoning it is not because they just didn't do it, they couldn't, but they do now comply and Douglas County can do the same thing, if they chose, but again I go back to the rate of interest and the period of time that it is to be assessed