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LB 412

SENATOR CLARK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Labeledz and Carsten would move to return LB 412 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President, at the beginning of the session I introduced LB 743 which is a homestead exemption bill. At that...no, to LB 743 which is Senator Warner's bill. The amendment is similar to a bill that I introduced on the homestead exemption for the elderly. Right now the state is reimbursing the counties, especially Douglas County a lot more money than is necessary and I'd like to explain that as briefly as possible because I know Senator Carsten wants to talk a little bit on his amendment, but what is happening is when an elderly person sells their home to either go into a nursing home or sell their home outright, move in with their family, the state continues to reimburse the county for that homestead exemption and the new owner receives that homestead exemption and this amendment to LB 412 would make that homestead exemption transferable with the elderly if they should buy another home. Now 90% of the time they do not buy another home. They either go into a nursing home or move in with the family and the state has to continue reimbursing the county for that amount of money for that homestead exemption and in some cases it is 100% of the first \$35,000. I talked to Senator Warner and he agreed that this was a good amendment and he allowed me to put it on LB 743 but inasmuch as we won't be getting to that possibly, I thought it would be better to put it on LB 412 and then Senator Warner's bill, 743, will be down on Select File with no amendment. As I said, it is not going to cost the state anything. In fact, we are going to save revenue and I hope the senators are listening because this will definitely make a less amount that they will reimburse to the county, and this incidentally involves Douglas County because of the way we assess our taxes. If you apply for a homestead exemption by April 1st in 1982 you will receive that exemption approved sometimes within that year but the exemption is for the following year's taxes that are due or past due April 1st and September 1st. So I urge the adoption of that portion of the amendment and I'm sure Senator Carsten, because we only have fifteen minutes, would like to say something about his amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I think this was a committee bill originally and I believe, as I understand this amendment,

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