

We are just talking about status quo. We do now have \$44 million in various homestead exemption programs, including the elderly, the low income people, the veterans' preference.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: We do have a lot of money in homestead exemption which does not, frankly, treat agriculture fairly. So my plea at this time is let's not extend the debate, let's keep the bill alive. Let's keep our options open and go on from there and further discuss this very important topic of property tax relief.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Lamb. We are on...the house is under call and the Chair would ask the Sergeants-at-Arms to gently remind members to stay in their seats in accordance with the rules. We have quite a long list of speakers who I assume want to speak on this in spite of Senator Lamb's indication of brevity of the debate. The Chair now recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I will just speak briefly so that there will be...so that we will be able to listen to other speakers, but I am rising to oppose the kill motion. And I haven't spoken too much on this bill before, but I wanted to call your attention to the amendment that is printed in the Journal and we will be taking that up right after the kill motion. And this was introduced by Senator Lamb and DeCamp and myself, and this is a compromise amendment with a cap of \$800, \$800 as a cap and a 15 percent exemption. And I feel that this is a fair compromise and I'd tell you why I like the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Point of order.

PRESIDENT: What is the point, Senator?

SENATOR HIGGINS: We are discussing the kill motion. That is the matter before the house.

PRESIDENT: That is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: I am...(interruption).