

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Lamb first got up and said he has an amendment and now Senator Hefner is talking about that amendment, my only point is are we going to discuss the kill motion or an amendment that has not even been heard yet by the body?

PRESIDENT: The Chair will remind the membership that the motion is...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: ...before the house is to indefinitely postpone. What the members say in regard to that is their own choice.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I will certainly stay on the issue. I will talk on the kill motion. And I tell you why I like the bill. The property owner does not receive the credit on his or her property taxes, he does not receive the credit until they are paid. And I think the other day there was an article in one of the Lincoln papers, or maybe both of the Lincoln papers, saying that some of these school districts are in trouble because the property owners are not current with paying their property taxes and so this would be an incentive for the property owners to pay their taxes. And I am committed to some type of property tax relief this year and I think the Revenue Committee is too. The Revenue Committee is very serious about this. In fact, we put out LB 712, the homestead exemption bill; this bill, LB 38. We put out Senator Remmers' bill, LB 505, which increases state aid to schools. And this afternoon we will be listening to Senator Sieck's bill. His is the local income tax bill. And that has a very good chance of getting out of committee. So the Revenue Committee is serious and it is very serious about putting out a property tax relief bill of some sort.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: But this one is the direct, the direct way that property owners will receive property tax relief. The property owner can actually see how much his taxes are being cut and I think this is very important. Senator Wesely talked about LB 38 being a bill for the wealthy. Why I don't think that is true because just because you own property does not say that you are wealthy because there could be a large, a very large mortgage against it. And so