

I think we are doing a disservice to the county by saying you do the work and we'll take three-fourths of the money, or we'll take two-thirds of the money. Would you like to do that, work for a boss and he'd say, well, I'm going to give you a little bit and I'm going to keep all the rest? No, you wouldn't. It is totally unfair to those counties to say you do all the work and we'll take three-fourths of the money. I don't think half is enough even to be giving the counties who are doing all that work. So I strongly support Senator Haberman's amendment. If we don't do anything else, if we don't even change the amount of the charge for these transactions, we should at least give those counties half of what they take. I really support the Haberman amendment more than any other part of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, from the discussion that I have listened to thus far the purpose of this documentary tax is to raise money. It is not a user fee. It is not saying that the county is performing a service, that it is not considered an essential service, therefore, those who make use of it are going to have to pay for it. Senator Johnson, this tax is based on so much per \$1,000 of value in the transaction, isn't it? Is it possible that a piece of paper dealing with a multimillion dollar trans...or the amount of paper dealing with a multimillion dollar transaction would be no more voluminous than that dealing with a \$10,000 transaction?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the purpose of the tax...I mean the tax is not based on the amount of work it takes to deal with the document.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: You've got it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, this doesn't make sense. It makes sense to those who profit from it; 1983-1984 fiscal year Douglas County got \$273,000 from this tax at the rate it is charged now and the percentage that it