

the only areas where you can discuss legislating, the philosophy of taxation, and things of that nature. I'd be foolish, on a real revenue bill, to stand up here and talk as though anything I said could change anybody's mind. When the arm has been twisted one-quarter turn by one group, twisted another quarter by the other, then untwisted and twisted a quarter in the opposite direction by somebody else, there are not going to be any changes on those bills. That is where you'll see the political tugging. I'm going to leave those bills to the heavyweights. Allow me to be in this semifinal, in this "undercard", Senator Lynch, and I promise you, I promise you that I will not be discussing any of those bills to the extent that I am discussing this one because there is no chance to change anything on them. I'm opposed to your bill, Senator Haberman. But if Senator Lynch hadn't said what he said I wouldn't have spoken at all. I had to, though, say those remarks.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had, in my bill file and somehow lost it, a list of the various things the register of deeds actually does. They do not do just recording of deeds. I remember one of them was liens. On Select File I'll be happy to provide anyone with a list of all the various duties of the register of deeds. This is probably a method of raising funds to help pay the cost of all the other duties in the register of deeds offices. It isn't just Douglas County, it is all the counties across the state that have these various duties. Talking about the number of employees is one thing. What about the storage of these deeds? They are not allowed to throw them away you know. They have to keep them for year, after year, after year, back to 100 years possibly. There are many things that come under the cost of operating an office besides employees. You have machinery, you have equipment, paper alone, I think the Legislature, itself, knows the cost of paper today just from printing all the different bills we have. So, based upon that, I would urge the body to advance the bill. On Select File I will have a list of the various different jobs that the register of deeds has other than just recording deeds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: I call the question.