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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would. Senator Higgins mentioned a lady she talked to. I would like to give you a situation in my own family. My oldest sister who is 92 years old has lived in her home for 73 years. She has a pension from Armour & Company for \$47.00. Her husband died several years ago and she gets Social Security for \$280.00 a month. Now if it wasn't for her children, she would not be able to live in that home. She definitely would have to go to a nursing home or else move in with one of her children. She has a little over \$300.00 a month income. Her house was valued at \$34,000 prior to the reevaluation. It now is \$52,500. Even with this increase, she is going back on the tax rolls because I could not raise it to \$52,000. I will be very fortunate to get \$45,000. Can you tell me why a 92 year old woman that has been living in her home for 73 years, paid taxes probably for 65 years on that house, now will have to go back on the tax rolls? And if she does, there is no way that she can even pay that little bit out of her \$300.00 a month, because from that she also pays for medication. She also pays sales tax on her utilities. She gets no welfare, no food stamps because she comes from a very large family and we all pitch in and help. I have sisters that are in their eighties and I have sisters and brothers that are in their seventies. Some of those do get the homestead exemption, some of them don't. Others will go back on the tax rolls, even with this increase. So I ask you, is it fair? Senator Hall mentioned the very thing that I was thinking about last night as I was driving home, Amendment 4. All agriculture asked us was for the status quo. I am asking too for the status quo for the elderly homeowners and yet some of them will go back on the tax rolls even with this LB 556. So give us Amendment 4 and give us the status quo for the elderly and the totally disabled. Now I am not talking about the people that have a heart condition, as I said before. These are people that are absolutely totally disabled, have not been able to walk, in a wheelchair for many, many years and there is no possible way that they can maintain their own home. So if you don't want to have your county take care of them for the rest of their life, you help them stay in their own home. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the raising of LB 556 from committee under Rule 3, subsection 19. All those in favor