

length, how we want to finance the cost of government in Nebraska, and, of course, always uppermost in mind just how much money does it take, and how much is necessary to finance the level of services which we want to provide for the citizens of the State of Nebraska? But I want to point out here that what we are doing today is not unusual. This is a most important bill, one of the most important bills we will vote on this entire session, and we are going to advance it with only several hours of debate. So I would ask all of you if the bill is advanced, or if it is not advanced, to go back to your respective districts and visit with local people and see how they feel, how the county assessors feel, how the county boards feel about this bill. I know that some of them are going to have serious doubts about it. I know that we have to take a look at this thing because if we do nothing, if we do nothing, we are going to be accused of violating our pledge to the people. I know that we do not want to break that pledge. On the other hand there are serious problems in many of the districts. I know that some of you are not able to vote for this bill on that basis. In my district, for the most part, there is not much disparity from the present valuation. So it is not so difficult for me. But some of you have serious discrepancies in past and present valuations, and you have every reason to be concerned. I want to say once more that I would hope that this body would commission a major study of the taxing mechanism of the State of Nebraska between now and next January 1st. Of course, not the least of that is going to be the method by which we tax and support...and tax to support our school system. So my vote for the bill at this time is a vote in support, not of the bill, but of the efforts of the Revenue Committee to try to meet the responsibilities of the state with a bill. I think, to that effect, they have worked long and hard and they deserve, at least at this stage of the game, my support. I hope that I will be able to continue to support that bill as it moves across the board. Thank you very much.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please vote.