

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Debate is ceased on LB 271. Recognizing Senator Landis on his motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to thank Jerry Miller, Carson Rogers, Dick Mercer, Janet Edwards, Donna Karnes who worked with this subcommittee very hard. We started from seven different places and we got to one place. I also want to thank Ray Suppalla and Bruce Johnson who were tremendously helpful in helping us come up with this formula. It is not a new idea. There are at least 15 states that do it. Jerry Miller just reminded me of that fact. But we've taken the best of those states and made it work here. I think Senator Schmit's idea is terrific, study the bill, look at it. It bears scrutiny. If you take a look and examine that task force report, you read it, you go to your county assessor and you ask them their opinion, I'm going to tell you it will bear scrutiny. Lots of times we stand up here with a bill and say, please, don't read it, please, don't ask too many questions, please, don't find out too much about this bill. I'm telling you I want you to look in every nook and cranny of that bill because it will bear your scrutiny. If it does, you will be, like me, convinced of the merit of that bill. Secondly, I also heard the notion that there might be some Select File amendments. I'd appreciate it if they were in the Journal. I'd appreciate a day to read them beforehand if we could. I'd like, if we could, sort of an informal agreement here that when we get these amendments we all get a chance to look at them because I want a chance to study them just as carefully as I've given you all a chance to study the bill. I think I deserve that. I think the body deserves that. I'd like to see some amendments printed and to see them beforehand. My last point is this, the highest increase in any county occurs in Scotts Bluff County. The senator on this floor whose family owns the most amount of land in Scotts Bluff County is me. My family owns 1,100 acres in the county with the highest increase in valuation. I believe in this bill. I'm the one, of all 49 of you, whose family looks to have the highest proportional increase of responsibility. I'm telling you I think this system is