

this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess this really isn't a very big issue but it seems like Senator Harris and I have made it an issue along with Senator Eret. When we talk about we are going to let those commissioners know, who is government. Who do the commissioners represent. They don't put that money in their own pockets. They are trying to do the things that their county wants them to do, and if they don't do it, the voters aren't going to elect them next time. We talk a lot about decentralization of government. Now we don't want to decentralize government. We want to make the decisions for them. I don't see how on the one hand you can talk about decentralization of government, on the other hand you want to make all the decisions for the local government. Either you are saying they are not capable or they are not honest. I think most county commissioners are both. I think they are capable and they are honest and I think this kind of legislation, well, along with many of our efforts on the state rocks, and state pets, and that type of thing is also a waste of time, but I think that might serve some purpose but I can't see that this will because the voters, they are not going to blame the county commissioners, they are going to blame the State of Nebraska, they are going to blame the Legislature regardless of what we do. If they don't understand how their government works, they are going to blame us anyhow but I think most of them will understand. And, again, I say I think it is giving the county commissioners the back of our hand and I don't approve of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud to close please on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, what this bill does is provides that when the valuations go up that the levies go down so that there is no increase in taxes as a result of the bill that we passed in 1979 and it is finally kicking in this year as well as in coming years. Douglas County's valuation is at 90 percent. Sarpy's is 85 percent. Lancaster's is 100 percent. They are the only county that has really complied with it, with the 100 percent valuation, but when you do have a valuation increased to 100 percent,