

the levy is required to go down so that it is tax neutral. Remember, the flat tax, President Reagan talking about tax neutral legislation. Well, that is what we are doing right here with this. It is tax neutral. The valuation goes up but the levy should come down. It comes down, be it for one day, for one minute, but it comes down, and then the local elected officials have the opportunity to raise the levy if they think they have to build a new school or build a gym or whatever. But it is supposed to be tax neutral to the bill that we passed in 1979. I am going to give the rest of my time to Senator Harris.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, you have three minutes.

SENATOR HARRIS: Members of the Legislature, I have visited with Senator Abboud and apparently they have a special problem up there in Douglas County. I am willing to listen to that problem. Since we are not going to be doing any terrible things as a result of this bill, as I pointed out, I don't know if I am going to favor it in the final analysis, I am going to support it at least at this step of the process, and I would urge you to pass it on, talk to the Douglas County representatives. We have heard from several of them. I think we ought to at least listen to their concerns. Maybe we are going to accomplish something with this bill. I have an open mind and I am perfectly willing to support it from this point to the vote, and after that, we will see. So I urge you to go ahead and vote yes for this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the advancement of the bill? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Move on to LB 302, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 302 was offered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 17 of last year. It was referred to the Public Works committee. It was advanced to General File. I do have Public Works Committee amendments pending.