

two are the ones that are left after the committee hearing that the Revenue Committee has held, and I move that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Ready for amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend. Senator Haberman's amendment is on page 1221 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, this is a very important amendment. It doesn't cost any more money, it doesn't change the law except it does this. As it is now, the examination for assessors is only given twice a year. Now this actually eliminates some people from running for county assessor because the exam is given after September and they can't run by petition because you have to take the exam. What the amendment does is it says that the test may be given by appointment, which means somebody can call in, make an appointment, drive to Lincoln or wherever, sit down and take the test, and pay the fee. They are not restricted to twice a year. This amendment has been suggested by the Secretary of State and has full concurrence of the County Officials Association, and I would ask that you support this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Was this the amendment to have schools more frequently? Examinations?

SENATOR HABERMAN: It has it by appointment, Senator Warner. They can call and make an appointment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose. Currently, under the provisions, fees, examinations, and by the way, I misspoke on the first, when I explained the bill, but the fee for the annual assessor school is not charged. What is in the bill is the item of the fee for the examination, not the school. The examinations are now given twice a year. On the average there is about 60 people, as I understand it, that do take these assessor examinations and, obviously, if you were going to have them spread out across the year rather than being able to have them held twice, obviously, there is going to be some additional cost from that. But aside from that, the cost factor, I know of no necessity to have these exams other than scheduled examinations twice a year.