

amendment does. It eliminates the language about the Revenue Department estimating the cost and charging each county. Now I have got a feeling it isn't going to go, but by the same token, Senator Lundy and Senator Hefner, it was a county cost, not a state cost on the other amendment, but let's hear the debate and see how many are opposed to it, and then we will go from there, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you through, sir? Okay, Senator Warner, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to oppose the amendment. The bill as introduced was one which was to attempt to reduce some of the cost. The bill as it now is amended would have a reduction of \$16,000, \$16,600 per year to the General Fund. The school that the amendment affects is one that is held, the state now under the bill will continue to pay the cost for the school, and the amendment would change that so that the state in addition to the cost of the school which runs around 12 1/2 thousand a year, 12,500, the state would also be paying for travel and the related costs, housing, I assume, and meals that the assessor or the county assessor incurs in attending the school. I have no idea of what that increased cost might amount to but it is conceivable that what little savings we are trying to accomplish here in part at least would be eliminated if you adopt the amendment. It seems to me a joint venture is fair, it is reasonable. The state pays the cost of the school and the counties pay the cost for the individual to get there. I would urge you reject the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I see we have some changing of the guard up front but that is all right. I will tell you, Senator Warner, if you keep bringing in these bills to reduce appropriations which go to our committee and our committee then puts them on the floor, then we find we get Senator Haberman out here with amendments designed to increase appropriations, I have a feeling this may be counterproductive in the end, but that is what Senator Haberman is about to do. He is about to turn around, take an appropriations, to take a bill that was designed to actually reduce the level of state spending and increase the level of state spending. Now this must be the search for the