

thorough examination of the application of the homestead laws in our state, and we will come back to the Nebraska Legislature, in the beginning of 1987, with recommended major changes to the law. And those recommended major changes to the law ought to be able to pick up, so to speak, the slack that we now have to save by going to a 90-10 cost sharing, and that slack is about \$3.5 million. We ought to be able to do that through a wholesale examination and some rewriting of current law. We just can't do it quickly, nor can we do it dirtily. We have to, we have to engage in a long task force kind of study process. That is a highly controversial change. The amendment that we are offering is one that was suggested to us by Senator Tim Hall, and the amendment is this. There are some disabled individuals who receive homestead exemptions because their disablement is a...because they are veterans, and the disablement is a service connected disability. Senator Hall suggested and the Revenue Committee agreed that for us to subject our veterans, who have been injured 100 percent in the line of service, to an income cap at the current elderly level, was to deprecate the type of contribution that our veterans had made to our country and to our society. So Senator Hall suggested and the Revenue Committee agreed with that there be a substantially higher income cap standard for service connected disabled veterans. And you will find that higher income standard set out in the note to LB 1258 in your book. But those, I think I have adequately described LB 1258, and I think I've adequately described the committee amendment. With that I will rest.

PRESIDENT: Very well. We are voting on the committee amendments...or we are speaking on the committee amendments to LB 1258. Senator Labeledz, you are next, and Senator Goodrich follows.

SENATOR LAEEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I totally support the committee amendments to LB 1258. I appeared at the committee hearing in support of the three changes in the homestead exemption. And I also agree that Senator Vard Johnson mentioned that he would put a sunset on the third proposal with is a cost sharing basis for the county and the state. And this would save, of course, about \$3 million. I talked to the Douglas County commissioners. And of course everyone knows that Douglas County receives the highest amount of dollars for the homestead exemption than any other county in the state. And they gave an unofficial agreement to have to pay the 10 percent cost on the homestead exemption for this, at least for the one