

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President, I guess part of the reason why I'm choosing the approach of the amendment instead of actually killing the bill is because I saw a lot of the support that existed on General File for it. And I hate to just rush right in and adopting this particular bill because in effect we will have shut one of the doors for property tax relief for people within this state. By doing away with the general homestead exemption, we will probably take away the purest form of property tax relief that will be available to us this next session. And my belief is that if you vote against this amendment, if you vote in favor of this bill and get this enacted, you are, in fact, voting for higher property taxes for citizens back in your particular district and I don't think anyone on this floor, especially with an election year coming up, wants to be in favor of raising property taxes and I think that's what, in effect, we are doing here today. Maybe Governor Kerrey doesn't care about property taxes. I don't know why he wants this bill in there so bad and why he wants the homestead exemption done away with. I remember spending countless, it seems like, hours talking to Senator Dave Newell. Senator Dave Newell and myself didn't always agree on legislation, but he convinced me that this is probably one of the better ways to go about...this was the best way, in fact, of getting property tax relief and I just came to the realization that we...at least it is there on the books. We have a chance to fund it next session if the money is there and I think that we shouldn't let this pass by us. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Abboud to LB 6E. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have all members had an opportunity to vote on this amendment that wish to vote? The vote is on the Abboud amendment. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 6 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Next matter, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to...Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move that LB 6 be advanced