

But there is no way I can make it a preference bill for me. Let's get this and not start tearing down certain things in a bill just to hide and camouflage it and hold it up. Let's get it over to Select File and get Senator Newell's and the committee's bill that they have worked on...over. Get it in here and do some work on it and let's go with it. Then we can decide later on. We can't decide now with a bill that isn't here.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes the Senator from Columbus, Mr. Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I'm going to be very candid and I'm not going to play any games all afternoon. I agree with Senator Keyes exactly. I think a lot of the things Senator Labeledz is trying to do are right. I also happen to subscribe to the theory of the circuit breaker. I think that there are some valuable things in there that this body needs to address. I think we need to address them together because it's hard to sit here and see this bill move across without having these other concepts debated and talked about. It's time consuming, so we play a delay tactic and we harrass Senator Labeledz and these other supporters. I think we need to bring that circuit breaker right along with this bill to talk about both of them together. They are intertwined. A committee made a study between these two bills. A lot of the debate is similar. I think that we're wasting our time by talking about one and not even addressing the other. I would agree with Senator Keyes that we should either bracket this or advance the circuit breaker bill, talk to them both. I don't think we're being fair to Senator Labeledz or we're being fair to everybody in this body. I think it's a mistake to debate one without the other. I would propose either bracketing this one, which I don't want to delay this bill, I know Senator Labeledz has worked hard, I know she's sincere in getting this across in this form because she subscribes to this philosophy. But, by the same token, I think this body needs to address both issues. The circuit breaker has some expansions in it that this particular bill doesn't have.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair would appreciate it if those that have spoken would turn off their light if they don't wish to speak again. I'll recognize Senator Hefner at this time.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I strongly support Senator Labeledz's amendment. This would take the actual value of the homestead exemption from \$30,000 down to \$25,000. Our county assessors are working overtime in trying to complete reappraisals of the counties. So I think that we should stay with this homestead exemption statute that we now have. They know how to work with this. I agree that Senator Newell does have a good concept in his circuit breaker. But I feel at this time it would create quite a hardship to our county assessors. Maybe we could pass this homestead exemption bill this year and then work on Senator Newell's later.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think, as background to know what we're going to do on this amendment and others, I think it would be important to have Senator Labeledz explain to me, and perhaps to others in the Legislature, what is the existing system as far as homestead exemptions is concerned, to give us some background information. I'd like Senator Labeledz to, if she would yield, to explain what the existing homestead exemption system is and how it works.