

February 21, 1979

LB 108 & 26

CLERK: 25 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced.

SENATOR LEWIS PRESIDING

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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 26 was a bill introduced by Senator Maurice Kremer of the 34th. (Read by title LB 26.) The bill was first read on January 4th. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File with Committee amendments. The Committee amendments were adopted by the body on February 15. I now have a motion offered by Senator DeCamp to allow for 1/2 mill on LB 26.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I won't take a great deal of time on it. It's my belief that the 1/4 mill, if doubled to 1/2, with the values that will be in place at the time this would have any effect or become operative, would be certainly the equivalent of one mill. It's also my opinion that when we're dealing with property taxes, if we start setting a precedent of massive, massive increases we're going to be in trouble on a lot of other bills. I just think that this is a reasonable compromise on the matter. I think it's something that the NRDs can live with. I think it's something that can put this bill that is an important bill into effect, and do it economically without giving away too much taxing authority. I might point out...three senators here have shown a very great concern about passing duties onto lower subdivisions of government... Senators Lamb, Senators Haberman, Senators Vickers, in legislation they have proposed. If you want to read it, it discusses this problem of us doing something...ordering somebody to do something without...without taking care of the financing and causing additional tax burden. If we go to the 400 percent increase as proposed in the bill, I think we're getting out of line. I think we're going way too far. I urge you to adopt the amendment as maybe a reasonable settlement on the matter. I talked to Senator Kremer at some length. I think he personally would prefer to go to 3/4, but remember you're doubling it again there, and when you deal with revaluation, I think you get in too deep a water. I think this is the