

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I introduced LB 134, and LB 134 did not advance. This amendment is the second part of LB 134. This is the noncontroversial part of it. This part of LB 134 was brought to me by the treasurers. It is a significant change that needs to be made. Currently, this would...the first part of it would deal with the fee structure. Currently, treasurers receive fees for collecting tax dollars. These fees are set up on a 10 percent, 4 percent, and 2 percent schedule in the old way. This amendment would change it to a straight 2 percent. The 10 percent for a 6,000 and under was an exorbitant amount, and to tell you the truth, they are not following this guideline currently. So this would simply make the statutes conform to what they are doing. Another part of it, it changes the word "property tax levy" to "property tax requirement." This has to do with in lieu of taxes by such groups as NPPD and so on. This makes it a more fair distribution. It also strikes the words "treasurer's genuine signature." No way can a treasurer sit there and sign 20,000 tax receipts, so they aren't doing it now realistically. That needs to be changed in statute. Another part of it, it changes a word to duplicate rather than triplicate. Currently, they must issue in triplicate. Well, there is no need to waste another piece of paper if they only need a duplicate. This makes it optional, and the last part of it, whenever an individual does not pay his tax on an automobile, the statutes say you must go back, you must go back to those years that the tax was not paid. Well, that is kind of ridiculous to have to go back and look, and it wastes a lot of time, in other words, so this, the tax would be based on the current year rather than going back and searching the books and finding out what the tax was for like 1992 rather than 1993. So I would hope you'll support for these amendments. As I say, it was a noncontroversial part of this two-part bill that I introduced. It did not advance. So I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Warner, on the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Just to indicate, Mr. President, that as Senator Cudaback has indicated, this portion of the bill that he...when we did hold a hearing, is not controversial, and would be supportive of attaching this portion of that bill as amendment to this bill. It will, as Senator Cudaback has pointed out, will ease some problems of confusion at the local