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ask the Legislature to introduce the bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: A question of Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, will you respond?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will.

SENATOR WARNER: I don't know how much in detail you could respond. The law that you are amending is one that I was involved in for twelve years to get it enacted and to put it real bluntly the manner in which Douglas County is attempting to use that statute is totally inconsistent with its intent, in my opinion, with the constitutional amendment if what they are introducing is what they have talked to me about, and I am not going to object to its introduction but is the only thing they are doing is reducing the deferred tax thing to something less than five years?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I really can't tell you, Senator, but I think we are in agreement insofar as to the way Douglas County is interpreting the present law. Now, I do not know but I would think that this bill would be consistent with your intent. At least that is what I was told. If it is not, then I was misinformed.

SENATOR WARNER: I have a suspicion you were but I'd just as soon argue about it later but just to give notice that that may do a lot more than what it can do or should do unless they have done something substantially different than what I have been told about earlier.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The only person that I spoke to about the bill is former Senator Jim Dickinson and I think he has probably visited with you about it also. I have no particular interest in the bill. I did have the bill here for some time, and finally after being prevailed upon several times, I did say that I would attempt to introduce the bill, and if the Legislature chooses not to do so, then so be it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am certainly going to watch how all of those who wanted to restrict the introduction of bills will vote on this matter. Now we have the opportunity to see whether people were trying to grab headlines or whether we are serious.