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and the Governor of the state wants to have control over this Committee, and so they are going to say that Mr. Harrington, the Tax Commissioner, shall be in charge of this Committee of County Assessors...shall be the one that's in charge of them, and shall serve on the Committee as an ex officio member. He doesn't get to vote, but he's there. The Committee may select another officer as it deems necessary. That's the way I had it. I thought it was alright. Beginning in January of 1980 the Committee shall meet during the second week of every third month, and this meant that they had a prescribed meeting that they had to attend. Additional meetings may be called by the Committee Chairperson or five members. Meetings shall be held in each district as defined in Section 5 of this. I felt that we should keep the Tax Commissioner out of the office...out of this Committee and running it. I felt that this is a Committee of County Assessors, and as such they will perform and function in the way that they should to see that the taxes of this state are assessed equally throughout the state. Now the Committee listened to the Governor and listened to Mr. Harrington, and if this Legislature decides that that is the people that should be at the charge of this Committee, fine and dandy with Senator Keyes. It is my feeling, though I voted to advance the bill...it is my feeling that that should not be a part, and if this bill gets twenty-four votes, it'll get the twenty-fifth one from Senator Keyes. He knows how to work within the system.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement...or is the adoption of the Committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the Committee amendments to LB 294. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Would you like to vote, Senator Clark? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays on the adoption of the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Committee amendments are adopted. Now we move the bill as amended. Senator Keyes, do you want to move the advancement of the bill as amended?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I do not agree with the amendments that have been put on the bill. I think it weakens the bill. I think it puts too much power in the hands of the Governor and the Tax Commissioner of this state, but I move for the advancement of the bill. I may have amendments that go on it later on.