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is the way the system works. I've worked with it through many years and I can tell you that's right. If you do not put something on when you take something off, you go in the hole. The other thing is that most counties, and ours included, have been able to halfway keep up with the inflation that has happened to us with increased valuation due to new homes being built, homes being fixed up, land development of course in our area which I guess is not in this. I'm not even sure about that. So I think this is the wrong time to take such a subject. Let's get what we have equalized once, and perhaps this will have some value later when we need something to put our carpenters to work. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the motion to advance?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, just briefly. What can happen if you own a T.V. station, you put on a T.V. tower. That's an addition...should be exempt from your new tax. If Murphy puts an addition to his bank building, it should be exempt. If Kahle puts new hog houses on his...in his hog lot, that's an extension and an addition. He should be exempt. If I owned a lot, put a house on it...that's an improvement. I'll bet I'll get an exemption. If I paint some houses that cost six thousand dollars, I'll bet I get an exemption. I think the bill is loose, terrible.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, I recognize you to close on the motion to advance 175 to E & R for Engrossment.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President and members of the body, it's amazing to me and I've only been down here for three years how seasoned veterans like Senator Nichol seem to forget about the process when it comes to constitutional amendment. Now Senator Nichol, you know full well that a constitutional amendment has to be written like this, and you also know very full well that the bill has to come back before the Legislature the following year to enact that legislation...to enact that law that the people pass. Now I would have written the bill in a more strict manner if that could have been done. It could not. The percentages involved take place the following year when the Legislature debates this bill. Now just for example, and I want this on the record again, because Senator Kahle evidently misunderstood the first time when I wasn't...didn't happen to be in the room or whatever. Talking about potential loss of revenue...if you've got a twenty thousand dollar house, Senator Kahle, and if you make a hundred thousand dollar