

Equalization doesn't review the situation. The Board of Equalization takes the materials and the findings and the recommendations of the referee and basically they can endorse the recommendation of the referee or they can enter any other order they see fit. They can have additional testimony on the protest or they can set everything aside and hear the protest all over again if they think there is some question yet to be decided. That is the intent of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp moves to amend the bill by: On page 2 striking lines 4 and 5 and inserting, "in all counties."

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when Senator Beutler gets good ideas he just wants to limit them to Lancaster County. When he comes up with those bad ideas he wants to put them across the whole state. Now he has got one heck of a good idea here and this is a really important thing, maybe even more important outstate than it is in Lancaster County. All my amendment does then is say, hey, look, not only is this good for Lancaster County, Douglas County, it is good for the rest of the state. What am I talking about? In your county, if you are outstate, greater Nebraska, whatever we are calling it this week, if you are greater Nebraska and comes time for the County Board to have their hearings, typically your County Board members are maybe a farmer or two, maybe a retired fellow in town that that was as good a thing to do as anything, and so, you come in and you are providing, supposedly a discrepancy or a dispute on land values, property values. They probably would be a lot better off, the county would be a lot better off, everybody would be better off if they had the option to hire somebody that is specifically qualified and skilled in this field, knows the county, a referee or a real estate guy, use them for this purpose rather than try to say they are experts in a field they are not. So I urge you to adopt the amendment. I commend Senator Beutler and whoever else is involved in it but I just say the proposal is as important or more important outstate than it is in Lancaster County. I urge you to adopt it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment. Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the DeCamp amendment? Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to