

they are political, and in many cases it is difficult for them to make decisions, because there are just too many people they know. So as a result after haggling they will reduce the amount virtually to what it was before it was assessed and so there you have your new values. That is fair and equitable. If I were a county commissioner and had to sit at that Board of Equalization I would want a referee who had a background in terms of value of property and I would want that information, because then I would have something to defend my position when I made that vote. Should the value remain as assessed or should we reduce it based upon all of the rational fact we can gather? We are not going to get computer assisted but we can before we leave this session place LB 658 into the hands of the county boards for their consideration. If they ignore it, so be it. But if I were them I would want it. I sat on a Board of Equalization of city councils and I know how difficult it is to arrive at a fair decision of who is going to pay on assessments that cities make, and I would have welcomed oftentimes others to make that determination of what was fair other than evolving down to myself as a councilman in a ward that might indeed upset a number of those who are my constituents.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Fifteen seconds.

SENATOR KOCH: But God forbid we would ever be objective in terms and logical on how we reach decisions. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb and then Senator Nichol, and then Senator Kahle. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, after Senator DeCamp's scathing attack I hardly know what to say, but I will say that he is wrong, he is confusing the issue, he has dragged a red herring across the trail...is that the term? Okay, anyway, what we are really talking...we are not talking about equalization. This is not the issue at all. The real issue is whether we are insulating the county board from direct contact with the people from being responsive to what the people are saying, and I really believe this is the issue that equalization I think most people will agree has taken a great forward step in the last few months, and to bring that issue into this is beyond the scope of the question, and I did not believe it affects the situation we are talking about here today.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb used a good word, insulation. Senator Koch, this county board now has authority to spend the money