

they feel necessary to do all of the investigation with the use of appraisers, assessors and whatever tools they feel they need to find out what the true value of property is. They don't need another insulator as Senator Lamb used to bar themself away from the people in their community. The county board is supposed to furnish the information for themselves, to get all the information for themselves, and are supposed to face those people. There are not that many protests that they can't get around to see all of those people in person, and I would be highly insulted if they sent somebody who is a real estate man or somebody other than as assessor, or an appraiser, to talk to me about my valuation. I want to talk to them. They set it, they have the last word and regardless of this person whoever he or she is coming to visit with me, the county board still has the last say and they should face that responsibility. In a large community like yours of course they need help, and Lancaster County, of course they need help, but in our kind of counties and smaller they don't need that person to be between them. If they want all the help they need to find out the true value of that property they have the authority to do it now and I would object to having an insulator between that board and the person objecting.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, I am sure that we all thought that this was a simple issue until the amendment was added. But I really feel insulted when Senator DeCamp and Senator Koch have such a low view of that county board and that assessor that we are going to hire some expert to tell them how to run their business. I don't believe that was the intention at all. I think he was supposed to help them make the decision. The way it sounds now we have been a bunch of crooks out there all these years and by George with this guy we are going to come up with the right answers now and everybody is going to pay his just share of taxes. That has absolutely nothing to do with this issue as Senator Lamb has said. That part is being taken care of by the state and the counties working together and Senator Carsten has been working on that, the tax commissioner is working on it. What we are talking about is what an individual, an individual that is concerned about his taxes, it has nothing to do with what the whole county budget may be or what the state may be...he is unhappy, he doesn't believe that he is being treated fairly by the tax commissioner or by the assessor and he wants to be heard, and this is all under the sun this does. And those of us that are opposing it feel that we have that authority at the present time outstate that there is plenty of room for counties to work with