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service charges. One specific line item of those service charges is always the tax, the tax on the property. So, basically, what I am asking the Legislature to do and what I hope the Revenue Committee did on LB 608 is to attach this amendment. The Revenue Committee as far as I know inadvertently left this off 647. I don't think that there is any controversy on it. As far as the technicalities and mechanics of applying the tax, we have worked that out with the County Assessor in Lancaster County and as far as she is concerned there are no technical problems in working this out. So I ask for your approval of this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler, do you want to speak to the Labeledz amendment? Anybody else wish to speak....Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment to Senator Labeledz's amendment, which, in fact, I understand is the Governor's amendment. I will be supporting all of them, but I have had a number of communications from the persons in the category which Senator Beutler was explaining. They purchase a lifetime residency and their taxes help keep them very, very limited with the dollars they have left to spend. I would urge your adoption for this amendment and ultimately Senator Labeledz's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you want to be recognized?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes. Mr. President, I would like to speak very briefly to the Beutler amendment. The Revenue Committee heard both this proposal and heard from the individuals who were concerned about Senator Beutler's proposal. In fact, for the record they did make up about three-fourths of the hearing on that very day. Now I am trying to figure out what this amendment is going to cost, and to the best of my knowledge the cost will be very minimal. I would doubt if the cost would be more than \$200,000 and that is statewide. Now if Senator Beutler has any additional information, I would like to ask him at this time but I just don't see this as being a significant increase in cost and at the same time I think it does deal with one of the equity issues within the homestead. If our present homestead program is a good program, then I think it ought to be expanded to those people who pay taxes even though they live in units that they pay individual taxes or that they pay individual taxes to the whole...in other words, condominium