

delinquent person comes in and pays the taxes and pays the 15 percent interest bill, the county treasurer out there is not going to tell him, we went up to the Legislature and lobbied a bill to get a 15 percent penalty on you. They are going to say, I'm sorry that we have to charge you 15 percent but the Legislature forces us by law to charge you 15 percent on that delinquent tax. Twelve is adequate to get the job done and we are the goats. Politically no one was in here, the taxpayer wasn't here watching this one when it came before the committee and the only lobbyist that is up here on a bill of this sort is the Senator, because the county official, the people that are collecting and spending the taxes, they want the higher charge. But the taxpayer is not going to like it, and if you count the numbers, the taxpayers, we are supposed to be representing them. Local government is to serve the taxpayer, not the taxpayer to serve local government. Twelve percent is adequate and I urge the body to adopt this amendment, put a 12 percent figure. We are raising some of these charges by 6 percent when we go to 12, and we don't need the 15. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Burrows amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Burrows' amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion carried. The amendment is passed. The committee amendments, as amended, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion before the House is the adoption of the committee amendments. Is there any discussion? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.