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LB 390

I feel that we should also take a look at, at 284. In my particular counties we have revalued and we are at a pretty high value as far as statewide basis. Our rural properties, our cities have a tremendous value. Somebody talked here about... Vard Johnson, or Senator Johnson, talked about paying \$2,000 on a home. We have some homes in Seward that are paying over, well one home is \$3500 tax on just a home.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SIECK: That is terrific, and I don't feel that we should...we should have to balance this out. Now I do feel that there are some areas that haven't revalued as they should and I think this will bring it on. It is an incentive and I would like to get this across, the incentive means of getting our counties to get their values up to par. So I do not support bringing this bill out of committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I do support bringing LB 390 out of this committee. I guess there has been a lot of discussion about Senator DeCamp's magic wand and the spell that he casts or whatever he does with that. I would like to indicate that Senator DeCamp points his fingers back at the urban Senators and says, you are stealing money, you are stealing money, you are reaching into our pants, you're taking all our money, or whatever. And then he stands up and says, Senator Nichol, oh by the way, for 4 or 5 million more added onto my bill, and I think we can save all the rural counties from any costs. Now it is Senator DeCamp who casually spends \$4 or \$5 million with no problem and then turns around in outraged anger, I think a certain amount of mock anger, points at us and accuses us of trying to steal money from his District. Well, I think there is a certain contradiction there. The motion to bring LB 390 out was discussed last week among several urban Senators, and I was told as others to wait and see if the Revenue Committee couldn't build a consensus and to allow the Chairman of that committee, Cal Carsten, a chance to work out a compromise, and as Chairman of the committee I think Senator Carsten rose himself above the parochial interests of his District, looked beyond the three or four counties that might be affected in his area, and looked at the whole state and tried to work with the committee to bring a compromise out on the floor to spare all of us the negotiating, the arguing, the auctioneering that appears is going to have to go on.