

State Energy Office. So the State Energy Office can very simply apply to LB 151's definitions the very same interpretations it is using in administering the sales tax exemption program. Secondly, the bill doesn't have an emergency clause. One reason why is because it is retroactive to November 11, 1980, the day we passed the constitutional amendment. It just says simply that if you put in such an improvement after that date, then you can go back and ask for the exemption. You don't ask for this exemption incidentally until December 31, 1985, so in effect, that has got an automatic sunset provision in it. The bill would be uniform across the state because it will be uniformly applied by the State Energy Office, the state tax commissioner and if local assessors interpret it or misinterpret it, everybody in this state has got the right to take an appeal to the local Board of Equalization in an assessment. I agree, I want to put more money into insulation programs for the low income as well as for the middle class. I think that is something we have to do. This is not the right bill to do that with but this is the right bill to make certain that you and I continue to show our encouragement, we consistently show our encouragement to every homeowner and farmer and commercial property owner in this state for making their properties more energy efficient and we show that encouragement in a very modest cost program. Now in terms of the quality of the particular devices that are used, we have consumer protection laws on our books right now under which aggrieved persons, people who feel that they have been stung by buying a solar collector or what have you, can ultimately have recourse against the seller of that and you should be mindful of the fact that in no way is the State of Nebraska endorsing a particular product or encouraging anybody to buy a particular product. All it says simply, and obviously this can be used in advertisement by various vendors, that if somebody does decide to use some ultimate energy source, then should there be an increase in valuation by virtue of that improvement, that increase may be exempted under rules and regulations established by the Department of Revenue and by the State Energy Office and that exemption can last for five years and no more. It seems to me that what we have provided is a very low cost and good incentive to be used to continue to move us along the right path with this problem. I encourage your vote for the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson was closing. All those in favor of the adoption of...let's see, this is movement of the bill, right, to E & R for review vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted? Senator Johnson.