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after the redevelopment can increase. The assessor cannot determine, for example, he cannot say to you, for example, that he will leave that tax base the same all the way through the bond issue. He could raise that tax base just like every other piece of real estate gets raised.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So the tax base can be increased over that 15 or 30 year period?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the language in the constitutional amendment says a constitutional amendment to extend from 15 to 30 years the period of time that certain tax valuations will remain constant. Those valuations are not going to remain constant, but they may increase.

SENATOR GOODRICH: They can, for example, what is being said there is that it will remain constant as far as no lowering is concerned. It can raise which would provide for paying off the bond sooner, but it would not be lowered by agreement between the assessor and the developer of the property so that we know, for example, there is this much income left there. The developer is agreeing to that tax base so that there is no less than that with which to pay the bonds off.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess I am just troubled a little bit by the language, Senator Goodrich. Will remain constant, to me indicates that it will neither increase nor decrease. Would you object to an amendment which changed that to more accurately reflect what may happen?

SENATOR GOODRICH: If you would do this, if you would let us talk to the authorities, with the bond houses, for example, between now and Select File so that you and I could work together on that so that we are going to make sure we are not upsetting anything, we could do it on Select File.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to place the contents of LB 634CA, 672CA and LB 706CA, all be placed into LB 672.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.