

municipalities and school boards are kind of in a flux right now. LB 1165 would have been fine, except for the delay. Now we have a delay. It's in the courts, it's being appealed, what are they supposed to do budgetary wise? Instead of waiting for this process to happen and getting everything skewed, if you will, LB 643 will hopefully, and I believe not hopefully but will solve that problem. LB 643, in essence, says we're not going to worry about the uncontested land anymore, we'll just leave that the way it is, the way it was before 1165 and we'll handle the lawsuits and the budgetary item. Counties, school districts or every...or any tax levying board will be able to add to their budget, guesstimated or guesstimated, if you will, budgetary loss due to litigation. And this would specifically be, for example, railroad lawsuit. It would also be for other lawsuits that the counties, the school districts may be into that they would be able to budget for those losses as well. That would then be taken care of by the mill levy that would be set on the assessed value on all land, including railroad land. So all land would be assessed at its regular level. The mill levy would apply to all people, and thus there would be no conflict with the uniformity clause, it would be a budgetary item. It will be a cleaner way to do it. I wish we would have come up with the idea last year, but it was not forthcoming until we needed to find another way to do 1165. And we have the bill for us now. That's as best I can do on a summary. If there are any other lights, fine. If not, I'll answer any questions and we'll go from there. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as Senator Bernard-Stevens has told you there is some history behind this bill and he mentioned several things. He mentioned LB 1165, which seemed like a good idea at the time, which would probably have worked pretty well, except that the courts found it unconstitutional. And I guess my concern right here is this, and I hope I get a short answer, does this apply to any kind of litigation that a subdivision can become involved in, or is it limited to a certain and specific kind of litigation?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: (Mike not turned on immediately.) ...litigation at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you state that again,