

committee amendments. (Labeledz amendment is found on page 1181 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is found on page 1181 of your Journal, it's a very simple amendment that removes the county treasurer and the county assessor as ex-officio members of the Land Reutilization Authority Commission. In 1973, the Land Reutilization Authority Act was passed to administer the tax delinquent lands. It applies to counties with a population of over 350,000, so it does just apply to Douglas County, and establishes a Land Reutilization Commission consisting of five members, one of whom is appointed by the governing body of the largest city within the county, another appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and a third appointed by the Board of Education located in the largest city of the county. In addition, the act made the county treasurer and the county assessor the ex-officio members. All commissioners, including the ex-officio members, are required to post a \$15,000 surety bond annually to guarantee the faithful performance of their duties. As I noted earlier, this amendment will remove the county treasurer and the county assessor as the ex-officio members of the commission but they will continue to furnish information to the commission and retain their administrative duties, but the county will not have to pay the cost of filing two \$15,000 surety bonds. I ask that this amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the amendment offered by Senator Labeledz, discussion? Senator Schmit, your light is on. Senator Schmit. Senator Smith, Jacklyn Smith, followed by Senator McFarland.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of Senator Carson Rogers, if I might, please. Carson Rogers. Well, Carson, anyway I'll call you that. Would you have any...How did you determine the \$75,000 as the lowest amount of money that...in your determination to lower the amount?

SENATOR ROGERS: I guess I can try to answer. You're not addressing the amendment to the amendment to the...

SENATOR SMITH: No, I would like to talk. I passed the last time and we keep getting amendments up and I'd just like to