

SENATOR LAMB: Oh, that's the bill. Yes. This is an amendment to the amendment and it merely changes the date. Under the committee amendment which was just adopted homestead exemption application had to be in by July 1, 1989. County officials say that's too soon, that's too soon. So this amendment merely delays that date until September 1st. So that gives homeowners additional time to file for the homestead exemption. Just changes that date, that deadline when they have to file from July 1, 1989 to September 1st. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Lamb amendment to the Chizek amendment. Senator Nelson, would you care to discuss it? Thank you. Senator Korshoj. Senator Korshoj, would you care to discuss the Lamb amendment? Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think what Senator Lamb is offering is very reasonable. I think that having been said, I want to make a comment or two about the bill because I may not get another chance. I believe that Senator McFarland made some very pertinent remarks. I would refer to this as a buccaneer's bill, it is going to do some plundering, and there will be some beneficiaries, but not everybody. The class that is always neglected is composed of renters. Rent can be raised, there are no rent controls in this state. If there are concessions of any kind given with reference to property tax relief it will not be passed onto the renters. The renters, when time comes to raise sales and income tax to make up for what might be lost in property tax, will pay an increase in sales and income tax, continue to pay rent as though there had been no property tax relief. So these bills are never fair. When "Baron" Hefner was ticking off the list of beneficiaries he did not mention the renters. This bill, after that amendment that was just adopted, reminds me of something....Is Senator Beck around? She's probably the only one will know whether I'm correct or not. Since she's not here I'll go ahead and wing it. In Revelations there is a description of a beast. It had the body of a horse, it had the wings of an eagle, it had the face of a woman, it had the teeth of a lion, and it had the tail of a scorpion, that's this bill. And the power of the bill is in its tail. And the tail will do damage to certain individuals. Although I can applaud those senators who got together and agreed to put this concoction before the Legislature, and I have to applaud their ability to get the Legislature to accept it as an amendment to the bill.