

thought if we spend \$115 million for that, we wouldn't have anything left for property taxes. I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question if he will yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Lamb, I have had some letters from some county treasurers saying that the implementation of this bill would be a very tough job and it would cost them probably over a million dollars for the...for the counties to implement this. Have you worked out any compromise with them or wording in the bill?

SENATOR LAMB: We...yes, Senator Hefner, we have been working very closely with Jack Mills. The other day I had an amendment on the bill which clarified that the Department of Revenue is responsible for the forms that have to be filled out to get your...to get the 10 percent rebate on commercial, industrial and agriculture and that the county officials have agreed to provide the forms for the homestead exemption since they are already somewhat in the homestead exemption business. So Jack is satisfied that it's not an undue burden on the counties.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Well, thank you, Senator Lamb. That was my concern because I hated to see the counties spend one or two million dollars to implement this. Also, I think we need to realize that we do have an outside group working and that's the tax limitation group. I feel if we don't pass something this year, well, we will see a petition drive to put a limitation on property taxes and I don't think we would want to see that. Also, we are facing some drought conditions at the present time so we need to give consideration to that. But, in the end, I'm going to support this bill and I'm also going to support LB 809 to Final Reading and that way we'll have a choice to make of which one we want to pass.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please, followed by Senator Moore and Senator Lamb. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I guess I will call the question.