

CLERK: LB 167, Madam President, introduced by Senator Jones. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendment changes a provision of three months to ten days. The purpose of the bill, and Senator Jones I'm sure will go into more detail, but he had an instance in one of the counties he represents in which there was an error made in the process of determining the levy and the result of that was that the levy was too high and they needed to be able to make a correction in that error because it was collecting more funds than was required. And incidentally it was a bill that was introduced last year which the committee did put out but we didn't get to it on General File. During the committee discussion a feeling was that three months was a far too long period of time for this to occur and that a shorter period would be more appropriate. The date or the number of days that was accepted by the committee was, as the committee amendment reflects, which is ten days. Included in that is a five-day, in a bill as well, but included in that is a five-day notice for a public hearing in order for the county board to make that adjustment. There was some discussion as to whether the ten days is too short, but at this point at least I'd move the adoption of the amendment and hopefully the bill can be advanced and then if it needs some refinement that could be done later.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Jones, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President, members of the body, right now I think I'll rise in support of the committee amendments. I'm talking with the Revenue Department right now and we might later come back on Select File and change the days just a little bit more. There is one good thing about the ten days, it makes the Equalization Board get on the ball and actually come back and check it. In my situation, what happened in my county was that some constituent came in about two months later and found the error and the Equalization Board had never found it, so it works