

both ways. But I think maybe this will give them a narrower window to work in and maybe make them get on the ball and do it, but right now I'm going to support the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Warner, do you wish to close on the committee amendments? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 167. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Jones, to open on LB 167.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, LB 167 allows a county board of equalization to correct a clerical error which is the result of an incorrect levy. If such an error is found the board shall hold a public hearing and subsequently decide whether the magnitude of the error warrants a change in the levy. The bill also provides for refunds to be made to the taxpayers had already made...such payments been made. I might just relate just a little bit what did happen in my county. It's all townships up there and I've got ten townships that has got towns in it and when they figured between the clerk and the board of supervisors figured the mill levy, they forgot to leave off half of the levy, our half of the valuation in the towns. So that made ten townships with way higher mill levy, in fact, it was so high in some of them that they had to pay half again as what they should have and they called down to the state auditor and found out that they couldn't really change that by law. the way the law reads now, and like Broken Bow Township had to pay 183 percent more than they did, should have paid and the way the law read, they had to go ahead and collect that tax and put it in escrow and leave it there and put it into the budget the next year. Well, in between time if they'd happen to have a lid on it or something, well, they would be in big trouble for their budget. So it was a big error in my area and it could happen any place in the state and all this does is give you a window so you can come back and change a clerical error if there is a mistake made, so