

LB 412 was something that was brought to me by a county treasurer, and I, for the life of me, couldn't understand why this hadn't been the situation and the process for a long time. Actually, what it really does is the county treasurer is an ex officio county collector of taxes levied within the county. The opinion to defer sending statements for the amount of the taxes due. When this county treasurer came into the committee hearing she had a stack of tax receipts about that thick and she said this was just part of them. What they were were amounts due under two dollars, and in some cases they were only about eleven cents. And in order to send out that tax due statement for eleven cents, we all know what postage costs this day and age and the labor involved in putting those things in the envelopes and the envelopes and the stationary. Well, what this bill would do, would allow the county treasurers, in all our counties, it would be an option of the county though, it isn't a mandate to the counties, they can do this if they want to, it would allow them to apply the amount due, if it's under two dollars, to the next year's tax statement. Made an awful lot of sense to me and I think if you read the bill, it will make an awful lot of sense to you. This doesn't mean that they will be relieved of that eleven, twelve, fifteen, dollar ninety-eight cent obligation they owe to the county, it's only deferred until the next tax statement is sent out and there will be no interest accrued on that for that year. With that, I would just respect your...to your common sense and try to realize what this is going to save the counties. As we all know, we talk about property tax relief, well, this probably wouldn't be that big of amount, but, really, when you think about it, this is grass roots and let's start at the bottom and if we can save these counties four or five hundred dollars a year, that's something, that's a relief on property taxes. And I just respect that you would pass this on to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Any discussion of LB 412? Seeing none, Senator Janssen, would you like to close?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I will waive closing, Madam Chairman.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Janssen waives closing. The question is, shall LB 412 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advance of LB 412. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of