

the person says, you mean to tell me that I've been paying taxes all these years to the government and now the government, which has been taking my tax money, is going to use it against me to take my property. Then if I challenge the government, my tax money is going to pay their lawyer to defeat me in court. Then if I don't get 15 percent, not only are my taxes going for that, they are going to take some of the award that they gave me to again pay this lawyer, to again pay these witness fees, to again pay the court costs that my taxes are underwriting already, and they go get the money. They go put on some camouflaged clothes, and then when that, whoever represents the government, comes out there to take the property and removes that person, somebody gets hurt. Do you know why I give this as an example? Because this not only has happened, it's happening increasingly around this country. When the government agents come in to do what they call their job, people feel they have been treated...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...so unfairly, that the government is viewed as an invading force and is dealt with accordingly. What you have here is a situation where the government is doing the things that "Repelicans" are always harping about stopping the government from doing, but these are polygraphs, these are lie detector actions we are dealing with today. You are going to strengthen the hand of the government to take from people. Remember, it is not a situation where the one whose property is condemned merely breaks even in court, you gain 14.5 percent over what they gave you, but since it didn't reach the magic 15 percent threshold, you pay court costs and all these other things, even though you proved that they gave you less than what you were entitled to. What could be more fair? This bill does not remove all of the inequity. It attempts to remove some of it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body. I also had a bill on this very issue before Judiciary Committee, and I wholeheartedly support 222. It has been my experience, since coming to the Legislature, that bodies of government tend not to attach as much value to the property of other people as what they attach to their own, and I believe