

state and this committee amendment will allow a little additional power to do that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The reason that it's important for them to gather that statistical information is the other important part of LB 490 is that this commission will make a plan of equalization and submit it to the State Board of Equalization. That plan is not binding upon the State Board of Equalization, but would give the State Board of Equalization a better plan or give them some mechanics and some fundamental things to follow, to examine, and to make their orders of equalization. So again in review, LB 490 does not do away with the State Board of Equalization. It supplements it. It assists counties. It makes it streamlined for people. You'll get better results. You take away the district court so people don't have the expenditures and the time to go to court. They will be able to go to this commission on a much easier basis and they'll have three individuals who will be more professional and who will do this full time in which to examine protests and appeals of valuation. My time is nearly up but I do urge...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Your time is up.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Before we get on to discussing the committee amendments, I'd like to introduce guests of Senator Stuhr. Her brother-in-law, Roy, Roy's wife, Carol and Nathan are here from Antioch, Illinois. Would you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you very much. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do want to just spend a few more seconds dealing with what I believe to be the committee amendment, the substantive parts of those. We eliminate the small claims provision because I do think that may have been violative of your right to go to court. We also give some additional powers to the commission in terms of looking at statistical information, giving them power to do prospective plans and again that may include some of those remedies for them to go through and do reappraisals. They can order the counties to do some things or other political subdivisions to achieve