

better equalization and equalization really is equal to fairness, and the thrust of this bill is not to do away with the State Board of Equalization, but it is to supplement that, give them assistance for a better plan of equalization and ultimately add another element of integrity to the property tax system. You will also probably see in the committee statement, if you choose to look, that there was a couple of people who opposed the bill at committee. The committee amendments are basically written after talking with them and trying to relieve their fears or they had some additional things they wanted in here. I tried to address those with the committee amendments and I do believe that that satisfied a majority of those problems. Again, I'd be happy to answer any questions and would urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Kristensen. For discussion on the committee amendment, Senator Avery.

**SENATOR AVERY:** Senator Kristensen, would you answer a question? In looking this over, and I remembered some of the discussion before, you had stated that potentially you would consider other individuals on that board? Is that any...have you gone away from that for any reason or are you still amenable to maybe adjusting that, the makeup of that?

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** Yes, Senator Avery, and if I can just take a little bit of time to discuss with you what...

**SENATOR AVERY:** You can have the time.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** ...I have done and I assume that you're referring to last year's bill that was a framework of more of a tax court commission process that I had accompanying the constitutional amendment.

**SENATOR AVERY:** Right.

**SENATOR KRISTENSEN:** This is moved away from that concept. I've removed some of the appeals and some of the other issues that they would deal with because I'm waiting to see if the constitutional amendment passes and then we may be able to use this body, but I've changed it from...I think the problem that Senator Vrtiska had, a question that you had were three attorneys basically acting as a, if you will, a court of appeals panel. This legislation has been changed. I took to heart the