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LB 490

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It will affect the individual taxpayers in your county who can go and appeal. See, what your county is facing is the State Board of Equalization, right? They gave the order to increase?

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. This...this commission doesn't have the power to go in and order the entire county to raise their mass level. That's still part of the powers of the State Board of Equalization. That depends on whether the constitutional amendment ever passes as to whether that would ever change. What this allows is the individual taxpayers to go up and appeal their valuations. And if there is a class that's been mistreated they have the ability to change that class and to order that reevaluation. The state board can't do that. The district court can't do that. This is a better tool to make that system a little more fair.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. There are no further lights. Senator Kristensen waives closing. The question before you is the adoption of the Kristensen amendment to LB 490. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Kristensen's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Kristensen amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any discussion? Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Chairman, members, could I ask Senator Kristensen a...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR LYNCH: Senator Kristensen, I'm curious about the number