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we are eliminating a board. We are eliminating a board. We are eliminating a board with eight members. We're eliminating a board that was created in 1985 by a bill, it was a Revenue Committee bill. The board was created to advise the Department of Revenue concerning various items about the valuation of ag lands. Now the bill that it was incorporated in, in 1985, was a very comprehensive bill dealing with an entirely different method of valuing ag lands than we use now, it was an income approach. And the committee or the commission used to meet and was active, they aren't anymore. In fact it's even hard for them to get a quorum. And, in fact, the board passed a resolution asking that they be dissolved. So this is in many ways, I think, a unique opportunity in the Legislature, not only did we have a board that said they wanted to go out of business, but the Legislature, I hope, does put them out of business. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, we should congratulate Senator Wickersham for getting rid of part of state government. So, with that, I support the bill wholeheartedly.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 934? Seeing none, Senator Wickersham, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 934. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 934 advances. LB 984.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 984 was introduced by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 4th of this year, referred to the Revenue Committee, they report the bill directly to General File.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on the bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill