

not done. And under those conditions, under the law, why the property goes back on the tax rolls. I think we first started with the bill that gave some additional time, waived it for the first year. Eventually this bill got across. It also reduced the penalty, made it permissive. What this bill does, under current law these affidavits are to be filed prior to January 1. Existing law, we made that deadline for seeking a waiver of February 1 continues to be a problem. Somebody failed to make the necessary affidavit prior to January, found out in time but still didn't make the necessary adjustments. So what this bill does is that it allows the individual...the organization or the individual responsible for filing the, for the property tax exemption or the affidavit that's required every four years, they still have to file it by February or January 1, but if they are late up through July 1, they are allowed to file for the waiver. The county board then has the option whether or not they should assess a penalty and a maximum amount would be 10 percent of the tax, otherwise due for each month, for part of the month after January 1. Theoretically they can be, pay up to six months, but it'd be up to the county board to make that determination. But I would hope that this would probably put the end to the issue. As a practical matter, I suspect what happens is that some people who fail to file in a timely fashion, even though they are notified, but once they get another notification that there's tax due, I suppose that then they realize they should have done what they should have done sooner. And...but this does give some leeway, more flexibility for those bona fide cases so the county board can make a determination. If they find it was something, some reason that was appropriate to file that would require a penalty for failure, they impose such a penalty. I'd move the bill be advanced...I have a committee amendment, I believe, to make it effective this year, in fact puts the effective date in the emergency clause. So I'd move adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I'll close, this adds the affidavit as well as the original...the committee amendments adds the affidavit I talked about, and then the other making it effective for this year.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. The question