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that notice be mailed. It allows the county treasurer to decide whether notice will be mailed or notice will be published and to do one or the other. And I see Senator Byars has already put on his light, so I'm sure that he wants to discuss that particular provision of the committee amendments. So I, Mr. Speaker, I will close on the opening of the committee amendments at that point and look forward to Senator Byars' discussion.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the committee amendment? Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I think this amendment, this particular amendment about publication, came about because of a bill I introduced in Revenue Committee, which was LB 136, if I remember correctly, and I want to raise it here this morning because I don't believe this amendment cures what I thought was a problem with our tax system and I'd just like to air it a bit before the body and get your take on it. In December of 1997, I got my tax notice for taxes to be paid by the following April 1st and August 1st, and they were actually 1996 taxes. They always run in arrears. So I paid the first half of our taxes some time in late March to meet that April 1st deadline. I was literally shocked when I got the check back in the mail saying I couldn't pay those taxes because I hadn't paid the last half of the previous year's taxes, and this was the first that I realized or knew about it. And what actually happened to us, I've never ever been late paying taxes before, I want to clarify that for the record, but what happened is that we paid off our mortgage in that year and the mortgage company paid the first half of the taxes and somewhere along the line we didn't realize that all the taxes hadn't been paid for that year so we, naturally, didn't pay them. And when we got the notice then in 19...this would have been then in April of 1998, finally, that they wouldn't take our check because we hadn't paid our back taxes, we paid them, we paid it all immediately, but we had by that time \$171 worth of interest accrued on those taxes because it started running in August of that year and ran clear till actually April 3, 1998, is when I got the notice back. Now, I went ahead and paid my taxes. My problem is...can't be solved. It's already taken care of. But I'm wondering how many other people that may be happening to, and so that's why I introduced my bill and that's