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introduced and heard by the Revenue Committee concerning homestead exemptions, so it was a topic that was very much on your minds and very much on the committee's mind and we hope that you find that the proposal that we're bringing to you is a good one and that you can support it. I might note, initially, that the bill, if you're looking for the fiscal note on the bill, you'll see that the fiscal note for LB 179 shows an expenditure of about \$4.8 million starting in the year 2000. That fiscal note will be revised if the committee amendments are adopted. We are expecting that that fiscal note would go to the neighborhood of \$8.7 million starting in the year 2000 because the bill has a delayed effective date till January 1st of 2000 if you adopt the committee amendments, but I want you to be aware that there would be a fiscal impact in the committee amendments. So what you see in your bill books or on your machine would not correspond to the impact of the committee amendments. You won't see a new fiscal note until the committee amendments are adopted. Okay, now I've suggested that 179 contains the provisions of a couple of different bills. One of them is LB 301 that was introduced by Senator Peterson. That was the same as a bill that had or a committee amendment, actually, that had been advanced last year by the Revenue Committee. LB 301 affects the persons who are eligible for the homestead exemption in the terms of their personal characteristics. In this instance, it is those persons with disabilities. There are other characteristics that you can have and qualify for the homestead exemption. For example, you have to be over 65 for the elderly provisions. You have to be a disabled veteran under those provisions. These are the disability provisions that are applicable to everyone. The provisions that are in the current law have been there a long, long time. They speak in terms of paralysis in both legs, such as to preclude locomotion. They speak in terms of artificial limbs and other rather narrowly defined characteristics. The committee language to make that language a little bit more coherent simply talks in terms of a permanent physical disability or persons who have lost mobility such as to preclude locomotion without the regular use of a mechanical aid. The existing language actually spoke in terms of exactly the kinds of aids that you had to have in terms of braces, crutches, canes, wheel chairs, and artificial limbs. That does not seem to be the kind of language that we would use now to be more