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enterprises to make it look like a private enterprise and be subject to the same kind of burdens as private enterprises, and to produce greater equity among taxpayers across the state. Because, as I've said several times during this debate, and I hope you don't get too tired of hearing it, part of this issue is about equity. When you benefit one group of taxpayers, you may be impinging on another. And this bill will provide us the mechanisms to reduce some of those inequities. We'll never remove all the inequities, but allows us the opportunity to address some of the inequities. It's going to place a burden on local county assessors, local county boards and, in some cases, on the state administrators to figure out all of the details of the bill, and we'll be asked to figure out details of the bill or the issue in later sessions, I know we will. We'll be asked to decide some of the very, very specific issues that were raised in debate. I don't think we ought to try to answer those issues now. I hope that we can advance the bill in the form as now suggested to you being what it is, and that's a framework for the continuing development and implementation of the constitutional amendment adopted overwhelmingly by the voters. Now, specifically, what they saw whether...I suppose it was, for the most part, the issue of government competing with private enterprises and not being subject to the same burdens. They may not have seen the other issue, the underlying issue of equity. But still, in order to keep faith with the voters, I think it's important that we advance LB 271 and make this start down the road that they have laid open for us.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the closing on LB 271. The question now is, shall LB 271 be advanced to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 271 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who wish to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 8 nays on the advancement of LB 271.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 271 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 356 by Senator Byars. (Read title.) The bill has been discussed by the Legislature on February 22