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against the total valuation of the state. This simply continues that policy of valuation for a specific tract against total valuation in a county. The second piece is to make clear that it is real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption, so that it isn't any implication that a homestead, if a property owner who owns personal property qualifies for a homestead exemption, that somehow that personal property is innerrelated...interrelated with the credit program. The timing issue concerns a refund of dollars from a county to the state because if you have a home...if you have someone who qualifies both for the homestead exemption and for the credit program, you don't want taxes to be zero. In that instance, the county is required to transfer back the amount of dollars that will be necessary to keep the tax liability at zero, that goes back into the educational opportunities support act's equalization fund. The bill read that those transfers had to occur until July 1st. Well, the counties have to make a determination by July 1st and return monies to the state by July 1st. You can't have both happening on July 1st. So one is now rescheduled for July 15th, that is the transfer to the support act's stabilization fund. And then there is a coordinating provision in Section 5 of the bill so that that transfer to that stabilization fund makes sense. The changes with regard to Senator Schimek's proposal is that we are making clear that that proposal to have the delinquent property tax statement appear only on real property statements and that it begin only with the year, tax year, 2000, the same year that we would begin the comparative statements that appear in Section 8 of the bill. Both of those provisions would then be timed to take effect at the same time, comparative statements and the additional information printed on the tax statement, real property tax statement as of the year 2000. And it's my understanding that Senator Schimek agrees that her proposal should apply only to real property and it should begin to apply in the year 2000, primarily to give the county treasurers time to implement the provisions. With that, Mr. President, I would be happy to try to respond to questions and ask for support of this amendment, which is largely technical in its nature, but also of slight substance and clarification. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Wickersham, there are no lights on. Did