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LB 968

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. You've heard the opening on the Crosby-Bromm amendment to LB 968. Open for discussion, Senator Baker, Landis and Vrtiska. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: I wasn't listening.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, you're next, if you wish.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'm sorry, I wasn't paying attention there. I think we need a dose of common sense here on this and a little personal responsibility. I'm with Senator Crosby. Doggone it, people know what the rules, the law, is and they need to accept that personal responsibility. I just got off the phone with the local county treasurer there in my county and she's concerned that, although it is an option the county commissioners can initiative this process, she thinks that they may very well do it without understanding the ramifications of it. And some of the points that our county treasurer just made was, how are they going to invest this? Are there requirements? Is it going to be a lump sum one account and then divide the interest somehow or other into the various people? It's going to be a tremendous amount of bookkeeping. And, in spite of what you maybe...the potential they have down here to do this in the larger counties, the small counties do not accept credit cards and these things, are not set up to do it. It would become a burden and I...I still think that it's something that's simply not needed. If we have to, maybe we should split it into the size of the county, something to that effect. But I think just personal responsibility is what's needed here. We haven't changed these laws that say you can pay half your taxes each...or six months of taxes at a time. Think most everybody is used to that. It's something that the county treasurers are set up to do. She also pointed out that we're going to have to change all the forms and so on. Right now they're simply first half, last half and so on. So I stand in support of the amendment and would urge people to vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Landis, your light is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Both Senator Kremer and Senator Baker I think