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this proposal is and what the committee amendment does? I see it narrows it. I mean, as I've heard the discussion, the discussion has said that voters...that there's a feeling that those voters that aren't landowners are voting on bond issues. And there's a sense that only those that are directly involved with levies and the assessment on property should be the ones voting, and those that aren't should not be. Am I clear off base?

SENATOR LANDIS: Not quite. But you're in the territory.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Would you explain?

SENATOR LANDIS: You're in the ballpark, but you're out in center field. It came from an argument last year by George Coordsen, similar to what you're talking about--people who don't have a stake in the outcome of the vote to override a levy, because they've got a homestead exemption. So his argument was we should separate the homestead exemption from those things which are voter-approved and those things which are the normal course of business, with the county board setting a levy, or whatever. Senator Redfield, I think, following up on that, introduced this measure, which said you could distinguish...the Legislature had the power to distinguish between parts of the homestead exemption or not, with respect to taxes. The Revenue Committee said, well, let's just rifle shot this down to the point that Senator Coordsen made last year and that you are furthering in the discussion this year. Let's make this so that the only distinction the Legislature could or would have the power to treat differently is that part of the levy which is voter-approved from that part of the levy which is not voter-approved with respect to the homestead exemption.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Who makes that decision?

SENATOR LANDIS: We would.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And then who would carry that decision out?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Assessors, county officials.