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not talking about what is in the intent language or what is in the committee statement. I want to know why.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator, a county official came to me from Douglas County, said, we don't have a clue. We have no list, we have no way of knowing what value is out there. We have questions that come to us, looking for the values of property because they may be considering a purchase. We don't have any clue. They may be deciding to change the purpose even within the organization. We don't have a clue. There's just no record whatsoever out there. So they said, we think we should have a record. It sounded reasonable to me. And the bill, as it was written, didn't put a burden on anyone, really.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Members of the body, I have to join with Senator Kruse on this. If we are looking at the value of St. Cecilia's for some purpose, I don't know what it would be. Nonprofit property has to be granted an exemption. The exemption doesn't just automatically flow. A good many nonprofits pay taxes. I'm associated with a 503 organization, and we pay property taxes. A good many do. Faith Regional, the hospital serving...the principal hospital serving northeast Nebraska, is tax-exempt. I don't know what purpose can be served by this. And quite frankly, if a county official doesn't know what's in his county, he should cut his vacation short and get back to town and do his job. I think that what we are doing here is giving the nonprofits, who do have tax-exempt property, a bill to pay. Because assessing a piece of property, as most of us understand, can be a very complex and sometimes necessarily an expensive proposition. Now, I realize that this is a self-reported bill. And I realize that it's innocuous on the face of it; innocent, as it were, on the face of it. But back about 1935 or '36, a sociologist came up with a phrase that has since gained widespread currency: the law of unintended consequences. At some point in time, there could be unintended consequences. And for this to come from the Revenue Committee...not that I don't have perfect faith and trust in our Revenue Committee...which shows that I can lie with a straight face. I feel that this is something that we really ought to think about for a couple of more years. And I would urge you to vote against advancing it to Select. Thank you.