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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Redfield, I too am not trying to pick on you today. But having been a longtime county board member, and understand the situation the counties are in right now, just like the state, and they don't have any money. I realize this doesn't come up for awhile, but we don't know how long it's going to be. And I guess I can't understand the real value of putting a value on something that you're not going to tax. Now, if the intention is eventually to tax it, that's another issue. And I will tell you that when I was on the state tax ad valorem organization, we discussed the very possibility of bringing some of these tax-exempt properties back on the tax rolls. In fact, I think there was an attempt one year, several years ago, to do that. It didn't fare very well with the public, and as a result, as I understand it, nothing ever happened. My concern is that the cost involved in trying to determine the value...and I know it's interesting to try to see what kind of exemptions you've got in a county or a city or wherever that you're missing out on. But if we don't intend to tax these properties, it's obviously a cost, and the small counties, as I think Senator Connealy indicated, is quite expensive. And I have to tell you that many of our county assessors are overburdened now with revaluation of property throughout the counties in order to bring them into line with the state's requirements. And add this burden on that would bring them no income just doesn't really sell very well, and...to me. And for that purpose, I'm not going to support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Stuthman, on the motion to advance.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I too would also like to echo the thoughts of Senator Vrtiska. And I do have some concern about putting a value on there and, you know, for the benefit of what? You know, there's a lot of property in the counties that are exempt. And there is a list of that exempt property that's in the county. One of the things that really concern me is, if we do put a value on there,