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for the purposes of the administration of that program. And this assigns that responsibility to the county assessors. They're willing to accept it. We also had some conversation with tax-exempt organizations, because we did not want to require full applications for that exemption every year. We went to those full applications every four years. But we recognized that, in fact, property could change hands over four years, and so we asked that there be a statement or reaffirmation of exemption by the exempt property tax...property holders, rather. Originally, it was to be a more burdensome obligation. In discussion with Jim Cunningham and others, we agreed that, in fact, a statement of reaffirmation of exemption would be fine. What that means is that the exempt organization would simply say, the land is still held by us and it's still used for exempt purposes. So we didn't sell it between the four years that we're doing these exemptions, because you get these exemptions for four years, so long as you continue to use them for the appropriate purposes. It reduces the amount for the...for an extension of time for central assessment in filing their property tax statements. It reduces it from 30 days to 15 days. Our centrally assessed taxpayers did not object, and the Tax Administrator wanted that to happen. Also, Senator Erdman had raised a question on General File, and we took care of it in this amendment, and it gives discretion to the county to allow either the county clerk or the county assessor to prepare the report on protests which are filed with the county board. Those are the most substantial aspects of the amendment. There are some more technical elements, to make sure that our language and terminology is precise that is, in fact, in the amendment. It is submitted to us by that part of the state government which is responsible for property tax assessment and evaluation. And the committee approves it, and I would ask for the adoption of AM3225 to LB 973. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on AM3225. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Landis, there are no lights on. He waives closing. I'm sorry. Senator Stuthman's light came on just before I said that. Senator Stuthman, did you wish to address...?

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the