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Area 8 did not have their organizational meeting. So you can see, when they come back and say, and the organization that represents not only the county commissioners but also the assessors, that board unanimously voted that they would like to see the elimination of this extra level of government that we have right now. So I think that that might address "who does it hurt." Actually the taxpayers. I think we're always looking to find more efficiency in government, and I certainly think that this is one opportunity that we have. Also, as I stated once before, in the last ten years, think of all of the changes that have happened, particularly in technology, that now allows the assessors to get a better picture of the land valuation. So I think these are some of the reasons that I feel it's time. Thank you, Mr. President, and I turn the rest of my time back over to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open. Senator Stuhr, did you want to take up the motion...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...opportunity to take it up? Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to make sure that I have the opportunity to say everything that I've got to say. And for the new people who may be tricked into getting into some very foolish positions by colleagues who lack the integrity to be fair and will take advantage of naivete, if you vote to cease debate on this, that does not end debate on the bill because then I will begin to offer amendments. And if you vote to cease debate on the amendment, you still don't get to vote on advancing the bill. If this is such an innocuous little affair, nobody should care how much discussion it takes to reach the conclusion that it is