

5 percent cap which we talked about on General File in public debate which has made clear it applies so that budgets above zero percent would be adopted in this fashion. Where there is a CPI, consumer price index, up to that consumer price index you vote majority vote. Past the consumer price index and up to 5 percent, you use a super majority. If the consumer price index and it would be wonderful if it was true, but if the consumer price index was above 5 percent, you would use 5 percent as the cap. So, I urge the adoption of the amendment and the advancement of LB 220.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. On the Landis amendment, Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was involved in the discussions originally on the General File amendment offered by Senator Landis on this which this amendment substantially un..."undos"? I guess. Does it undo something? I guess it "undos" it. Senator Landis, could you respond to a couple questions, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, would you respond, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: You mentioned that the reason that you have the deletion language in this new amendment is because you felt there was a situation that, based upon the language of the old amendment, property taxes could be increased in a particular year by between 10 and 12 percent. Is it true that that would only apply if, in fact, there had been a zero percent increase in property taxes in a particular county? Can you give me any examples where that would have actually have occurred, or was it the potential for it occurring, that was the concern?

SENATOR LANDIS: I can tell you that the conversation occurred on an ad hoc basis on a...without looking at a scenario between myself and the principal introducers. I do know that a conversation was held between the Revenue Department and the Governor's staff and the political subdivisions. And the Revenue Department and the Governor's staff went through a series of scenarios. But understand that any scenario deals with what could happen in the future so, in fact, you can't...it's sort of an unanswerable question. If you ask me do I know of an expected budget next year that would trip that, I