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Allowing local governments to seize promissory notes not only raises Constitutional issues, but also endless valuation issues. That's because these local governments plan to seize only those notes that are not yet in default. And the fair value of a note that's current and not in default is still equal to the face value of the note itself. That face value won't be reduced just because the market value of the underlying security has dropped, since when the note is seized it is no longer coupled to the reduced market value of the real estate that secured it. Also, any notes that are still not yet in default are especially still worth their face value since the borrower has shown that he or she does faithfully pay what's due under the terms of the note.