

the county but no governing body within the county could participate in this increase.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And I think that's important, just so I make sure that we understand that you aren't solely going after Douglas County, you're going after every governing body that's within Douglas County for that exception. With that being the case, I don't know that you need to do an additional amendment, but so that people are clear of what you're doing, it's a straight up policy choice. If Douglas County and those political subdivisions inside that county don't want to have this additional charge, that's up to them. But it's a straight up or down policy choice. I do know that I think there's some people in the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County who do need those and would like those additional monies, they're not part of this amendment. But if there's other people in those areas that don't want that money, this is the amendment that you better call the question to. I don't think it makes me any difference. I know Senator Vrtiska originally, in his bill, didn't have the Class VI's, which would have been both Lancaster and Douglas County. There was some testimony at committee about the need in Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, thus that's the reason we figured if it was good for one, it was good for all, and we'd let somebody on the floor take a county out, if they wanted to do so. With that, I think the Chambers amendment has at least got the policy choice before you. And if you don't want Douglas County, you should vote for it. If you do want them, you should vote against this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I certainly don't oppose Senator Chambers' amendment. If he feels that's in the best interest of the people that he serves and he doesn't feel that the people in Douglas County want this service then I don't have any problem with it. As Senator Kristensen indicated, in the original drafting we had left out both Lancaster and Douglas and found out later that there were people in Lancaster County who felt like they should be included in it, so therefore that part was taken out. When we were doing that we decided to take all counties out. It really doesn't make any difference to me. And I think that if this is the wishes of Senator Chambers and his constituents then I guess I