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working on that and not the Government Committee, and so on and so forth. The main portion of the bill, I guess, I could say that the Government Committee worked on is, how would you...how best to initiate such a process? What should the process look like? How do you get the public input? And how do you make sure that the people in both of the entities, the city entity and the county entity, have their votes counted so that a county-city merger proposition like, for instance, in Douglas County, you wouldn't have the city swallowing up the county in the voting process? They would each be counted separately, so those are some of the kinds of things that we looked at. I would be happy to turn my remaining time now to Senator Wickersham and then explain a bit the committee amendment which tells you a little bit what the process would be.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, you have about six and a half minutes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As Senator Schimek indicated, this is enabling legislation. It is intended to discharge what I would view as our responsibilities to put in statutes that implement the constitutional amendment adopted by the voters allowing for a merger between a city and a county. Now that constitutional provision is a little bit complicated and you'll see that reflected in some of the proposal from the Government Committee. It requires different voting structures, for example. You have to be able to pass the proposal with inside the municipalities and in the area outside of the municipalities. You will see that there are two amendments filed to the bill under my name, AM3172 and AM3190. AM3190 is the amendment that we would really wish you to consider and to evaluate over the summer. There was a mistake in AM3172, but it's been corrected. AM3190 is the correct number. AM3190 is LB 1255 that was heard in the Revenue Committee with what would amount to committee amendments to that bill. The...and the reason that we had a hearing on a bill in Revenue dealing with part of the subject matter of combining a city and a county was so that we could suggest to you a financing or revenue structure that would be appropriate, not only for the municipal county that would be created, but also for those municipalities that might not join the municipal county. Now that...I hope that isn't too confusing, but if you