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county issue, or cities, local ordinances, so on, in statutes, we have nuisance statutes. They can't put a junkyard next to a school or a library or whatever, something like that. There's a backup there for the counties, the cities. And in all honesty, I think Senator Vrtiska's issue down there points out the need to get this thing clarified. Right now there...apparently all but three counties zoned, or, four it says, and there's one being zoned. So I don't know where the status is. That was a year ago. I think there's three counties not zoned. But in spite of that, with the nuisance laws of those three counties, they can still regulate junkyards. This is a jurisdiction issue here. The Department of Roads is saying, we're trying to streamline our government here, and the counties have better control of this. Local people are going to see these junkyards, not necessarily Department of Roads people, and follow through on it, as witnessed by Senator Vrtiska's problem down there. And the counties, as far as cost, it's been pointed out to me the counties could change their permitting fees for junkyards and thereby recover their costs. Should be revenue neutral. I guess if they want to, they could even make some money on registering junkyards in the county. It would be up to the local zoning jurisdiction and what they want to with their fees. So it comes back to an issue of trying to streamline state government. I don't think anybody wants to degrade our scenic byways and highways and so on. I certainly don't want to. But I feel more secure in letting the counties' zoning boards know that they have...it's their responsibility to maintain these and not the Department of Roads. It's not a requirement now to the Department of Roads, except on interstates. They want out of this authority. And to my mind, it belongs back on the county level. It was pointed out, it should be revenue neutral. They can raise their fees if it's going to cost them. I don't know as there's a concentration of junkyards in any one county. But the 138 spread across the state. And they can still raise their fees on a local level if they want to. So I oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BROMM:** Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Stuthman.

**SENATOR STUTHMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'd just like to comment a little bit as far as Senator