

the two committee amendments. That really is the purpose of the bill, so I would ask you to adopt the committee amendments and then to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, did you wish to speak to the committee amendments? Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I will probably have a question of Senator Cullan. I am concerned about the bonding and all the rigamarole that goes along with being a treasurer of the kinds of funds that some of these county hospitals handle. I wondered, Senator Cullan, could you give me a reason why this has come up outside of what you said about Douglas County?

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator....(interruption).

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, will you respond?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, the real purpose for the bill, Senator, is that an Attorney General's Opinion was issued that said that the county treasurer had to act as treasurer for the county hospital board, and the county treasurers previous to that in a number of counties were not assuming that function, and so therefore the county treasurer had to duplicate the functions of the former treasurer of the county hospital board, and so oftentimes this necessitated two reports being issued and created a great additional workload for some of those county treasurers involved. And so they came to us and said that they saw no reason for the county treasurer's office to be involved and that it would make more sense for the county hospital board to designate their own treasurer.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, I guess what bothers me is that in our county especially quite a large amount of the funding for the hospital comes through the county and it varies from year to year. The county treasurer is going to be involved anyhow. I guess my question is, why have two treasurers?

SENATOR CULLAN: To allow...the county board of...the county hospital board could still designate the county treasurer as the treasurer for the hospital board if they so desired, but...and it does give them that flexibility. I guess many of the county treasurers felt that this created an unnecessary workload for them and involved them in the operation of the hospital. It also created some problems for the county treasurers because the