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that I can see as to why we should pick up the cost of this as opposed to having the counties pay the cost themselves.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members I support Senator Labedz in this effort, being an old county board man I watched the auditors work a good many times in our county and as I said on one other occasion, I was very pleased when I saw them come and I was always pleased when I saw them leave when we found out our records were straight and we'd been given another year of grace. But the difference for Senator Warner's benefit between those other subdivisions, or whatever you want to call them, of government in the county is the county is a creature of state government. It is just an extension of state government. Another thing the state auditors have the expertise to audit those records. It would be much easier for an auditor to go from one county to another to do the same kind of an audit than it would be for a private auditor to come in and audit in one county and that is probably the only audit he would do or maybe one or two other counties. So for practical purposes they have the expertise. Another thing the audits would be the same when they are brought into the state and compiled, they would be consistent across the state. I'm sure that you are all aware that auditors don't always do things quite the same. The other thing about, if you think the state and the counties aren't connected I'm sure the Governor has told us on a number of occasions that over half of the money that comes into the state is doled back out to the counties for subdivisions of government. So I would certainly think that the state has the biggest interest in that audit of anybody out there. Therefore I certainly approve and support the Labedz amendment. On top of that you are adding just that much more to those good old property taxes. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

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