

pleasure of being President of the National Association of Counties and had a chance to travel around a bit. You know up in Wisconsin they elect a county commissioner for every 5,000 people. There is no chance of escaping every point of view, ethnic background or anything else on that board. They had 64 people on their board in Milwaukee, but other than that it was a little larger than our Legislature but you had the point of view. They didn't get much work done, to be completely frank, and there was generally some chaos, generally a few leaders that stuck around long enough to get the leadership positions and they ran the county anyhow, about five of them generally ran Milwaukee County. All I can say is I have mixed emotions about it. I know what Ernie would like to accomplish and I have no problem with that. But I guess I have to tell you that I'm impatient with us trying to change the system that apparently there is no reason to change at the present time. I think we probably could at some point in time do this. I only say that because I might as well go on record early, don't intend to support the bill. I probably shouldn't support any amendments with the exception of maybe the one Bernice is going to introduce because that would at least keep the five members and change the system, but even that I'm concerned with. I, to be completely frank, I have seen no problem with the way the system now functions. I think they're pretty responsible. Where our city councilmen were elected by district, for example, and we talked about some of the problems we had in Florence, I had a hard time, because people were elected by district on the city council, convincing them, a majority of the city council about our problems, and I have the distinct impression that some of them didn't really care what happened out in Florence. After all, they weren't elected out there anyhow. So I do, I've come down on the wrong side I guess, based on how I have traditionally felt on this issue. And at this point in time I don't think we should mess with it. I can see no reason to change it in whatever form it might take.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hall, would you care to close?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members, again, the issue is the amendment to Senator Chambers' amendment that would provide for the changes that are laid out in the handout, and I appreciate Senator Lynch's comments because he has been there, as he said, with regard to serving for a number of years on the Douglas County Board, but there have been some requests to