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consider this on 262. As I indicated yesterday, it may not pass, may be vetoed, it may not be overridden, you may not have an opportunity. It's even simpler than that, because if you look at 262, all you've got to do is reject the committee amendments. All you have to do is reject the committee amendments and then any motion dealing with cities and counties and the state will no longer be germane to the bill, as it was introduced. I am sure no one has thought about doing that but we all know how absentees can happen. Other things can happen and there is no doubt in my mind that you will never address the issue, you will never even consider the issue if you do not take the cities and counties and the state and the other governmental subdivisions out of 88 now. It's a judgment you have to make for yourself. The argument of cost, essentially nobody knows. I've seen figures on all sides of the coin that potentially is there. There's one thing that there isn't any doubt in my mind, if the concern is about deep pockets, government becomes a deep pocket no matter what. But cost isn't the only factor. The factor more important to me is one of the responsibility that government has in such areas as inspections and examinations. I indicated the other day we had a bill...hearing in Revenue on a bill for tax abatements, tax exemptions dealing with investments and we very specifically had language in there that the state wasn't to be responsible for anybody making a bad investment by virtue of examination, you know, sheer recognition, sheer recognition that someone could depend upon 5 percent, whatever the percentage is, some...some percent of having made an investment based on examination. Don't have to do much thinking back very far for most of you to know when government has failed in an area of examination.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, maybe they ought to be liable for those failures perhaps which we haven't been very good about that either. But I simply believe that to deal with the unique position that government is in that the whole thing ought to be considered in LB 262, and if this amendment is not adopted, I suspect you will not address the issue again in a way that could be enacted.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. I will now recognize Senator Robinson, followed by Senators Ashford, Beutler, Pirsch, Kristensen, Abboud and Coordsen. Senator Robinson.