

decide whether or not to do this. If they don't want to do it, they take no action. If they do want to do it, they have to take some affirmative action. It is contingent also upon the approval of the Department of Motor Vehicles Director, and that is to provide an added check of the county assessor or county clerk being overrun or being run roughshod by a powerful county treasurer. What it does do is it allows the county board to make a decision as far as efficiency in government, and that is if the county board decides that in their given county that it is a...that this is something that can save money, then they are empowered by statute to do so. If the county board decides it is not going to provide any efficiency in government, then they don't do so. But as I mentioned, what it would do is prevent the overlap in some counties. I should say it was originally drawn to apply only to Douglas County. The committee changed that to make it apply to any county that chose to do so, but it would allow, in Douglas County, for example, it is anticipated that the centralization of those records would save about \$180,000 a year, which, as we know, in some of the counties that are strapped for cash, that is a pretty good deal. Now the second thing it would do is it would take away the individual having to go, who is trying to license his or her car, from having to go to those three separate windows and perform, have the different official from the different office, perform all three different functions. That can add to cost when you talk in terms of having a separate employee trained to do each of those different functions. I would urge the amendment be adopted and I'd be happy to try and answer any questions.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Now we are back to lights again, Senator Schellpeper, your light...waives off. Senator Bernard-Stevens, on this amendment? Senator Hall, on this amendment?

SENATOR HALL: No.

SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Senator Lindsay, I need to ask you a few questions because as I remember the bill, and you just came up to me with it, and I suppose that is part of the problem here, but there were two versions and you alluded to it. One version was written only for Douglas County with the rationale that that could be experimental and that we will see how this works. And