

the committee was of the opinion that if you are going to do it for one county, you should be doing it uniform across the State of Nebraska so that everybody has that opportunity, and you could either standardize forms, or you could standardize procedures, and that having it in one county may well work, but that maybe the better policy is you to do it everywhere or you don't do it anywhere. Just for the record, could you give me which version we've got and how you would respond to those questions that I think the committee had.

SENATOR LINDSAY: We've got...the version that came out was the version, the amended, the bill as amended by the Transportation Committee. The amended version was to allow any county board to make that selection. It does not provide for standardized forms. It doesn't seek to go that far. It doesn't seek to provide for that standardization. What it would do is it...the functions as between the state and the local government would remain the same. Basically, the county treasurer would act as an agent to the public for performing all these functions. Then they would still be sent back out to the given office within the county court house. So anything that is done in the future, as far as any standardization or any process or anything like that would still be available to the Transportation Committee because the interaction between state government and the local official would still be just as it is done.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And your rationale for limiting it only to Douglas County instead of the entire state was what?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The rationale for limiting it to Douglas County was I didn't know how other counties were going to feel about it. It was the committee's choice to extend that out to other counties. I knew that the Douglas County Board, Douglas County Treasurer, Douglas County Clerk, Douglas County Assessor, I believe, had all signed off on it and said it was acceptable. As far as statewide, that...I don't have any problem with it, but it was a decision made by the Transportation Committee.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. I guess this is one of those times where you come into a bill, and it is a little later in the evening. It is not exactly as we looked at it coming out of the committee, and I get a little uncomfortable, Senator Lindsay, looking back, seeing what the committee had done, that that was the version they hadn't put the bill out, only to Douglas County, they were going to do it to the entire state. I