

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** I understand there is an amendment to this amendment.

**CLERK:** Senator Bohlke would move to amend, Mr. President. Bohlke and Chambers would. I guess, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, do you want to move this one? I've got both names on it. That's...

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Bohlke, I believe Senator Chambers is deferring to you to do the initial introduction. (AM2475 appears on page 2478 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SENATOR BOHLKE:** Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I will briefly open and give a portion of my time to Senator Chambers. We have been in discussion in trying to reach an agreement on this issue and it's once again possibly for two different reasons that I bring this amendment. I'll let Senator Chambers talk to the issue of why he would support this amendment. What this does is that on page 7, line 1, it inserts "and one county with a population of at least one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, but not more than three hundred thousand inhabitants." In fact, what this does is move this from Douglas County to Lancaster. Now the reason, my reason for supporting this is one that I think Senator Wesely first brought up to the welfare task group was that he wanted it, he thought it was a better idea to be in Lancaster County because it's smaller. It would be easier to administer. It wouldn't have the cost. I think, my reason is that Lancaster County more closely reflects other counties in the state. Some of the things that had been raised on the floor show that Douglas County is indeed much different from the rest of the state and, as we look at this, we still get the comparison of an urban county and a rural county but an urban county that is more like other counties in the state. That is my reason for supporting this and I will give the balance of my time to Senator Chambers.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Senator Chambers, you still have about eight minutes left.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I also support it for the reasons that Senator Bohlke gave, but in addition to that, first of all, I want to say I appreciate the fact that Senator Bohlke was willing to work with me on this to resolve a problem that was really a sore point for me on the entire bill and everything associated with the bill. Because