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for example.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend, Mr. President. (See FA410 on page 674 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. And the amendment is on page 4 of the green copy. And it would simply delete paragraph (1) under Section 4, which says that the political subdivision has a population of 5,000 or less. Simply, Senator Cudaback, it would take that paragraph out, delete it, so that this, indeed, would apply to all counties, all political subdivisions rather than making it those with a population of 5,000 or less. Because I do think that, really, for a county the size of the one that I live in, this would even be a greater savings than it could be for some of the smaller counties. And I, again, since it's up to each county to decide whether it wants to or not, I...I think that we should expand it and should make it available to everybody. In fact, having that...had that brought to my attention, if we don't do that, then I don't have nearly as much interest in supporting this bill. And I do notice, and Senator Hartnett and I were looking, and I know that the election commission from Lancaster County came in, not on behalf of the county, but as her own self and testified in support of this bill. So I'd be really remiss if I didn't offer this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Schimek. The motion before the body now is the adoption of the Schimek amendment. We're in one of those situations where there were about eight lights on prior to the introduction of the amendment and some more came on afterwards. I will call on individuals to speak. If you want to speak to the Schimek amendment, you may. If you don't we'll just leave you in the regular speaking order and when we get back to consideration of the bill we'll...we'll call on you. Senator Janssen. Senator Janssen will speak to the amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, yes, I...this is a good amendment because if you would look at it,