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then there is a small plus that came from the rest of the state, so you can see that these costs are going to...are greatly impacting Lancaster County. Now if Senator Beutler would want to introduce a bill at another time concerning this point, we could have the public hearing, go through the procedures that we normally go through, I would have no objection to that. But the amendment, as it stands, I will not be supportive.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. There are no further lights on. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, I was hoping for a little more discussion, just on the principle of percentages versus flat-out dollar amounts. It would increase the county's share and I think Senator Hudkins is correct, that it is worthy of a public hearing and a discussion, but it's such a...to me it's such a horrendous example of what happens in lawmaking, and I guess I'm assuming that those who passed this law in 1969 did not intend that over time it would wither away to being a very insignificant county contribution. As I say, it's now reduced from what was originally a 15 percent contribution to less than 6 percent, for all practical purposes, and so I think that...that probably the appropriate thing to do, and what I will do is submit this in the form of legislation next year. And with that, Senator Coordsen, I would ask to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is withdrawn. Do you have any other amendments to the bill, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing else filed, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 256 to E & R for engrossment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: You heard the motion. All of those in favor of advancing 256 to E & R for engrossment say aye. Opposed no. The bill is advanced. LB 256A, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have no amendments filed to the bill.