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deserting a sinking ship, they're going to try to get their hand in that pot and take that money. Some counties, some villages, some cities may be favored, others will not be. But I'm going to oppose this. First of all, the loose definition allows for almost any circumstances to be a basis for filing a claim. Maybe the claim will be turned down, maybe enough money will not be put in this fund to answer or respond to all of the claims in a positive way, but nevertheless, the encouragement and the opportunity are presented. Because Senator Vrtiska's amendment is an amendment to an amendment I cannot offer any amendment to it. I know that the Speaker can claim this as one of his super priority bills. Well, his hand may be forced. I was going to try to do it yesterday, but we reached an accord on that bad sexual registration bill, and if I can make the Speaker exhaust his selections now, he's not going to be able to use them when we get to the property tax area. So he's going to have to do some serious thinking. I'd like to ask Senator Vrtiska a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska, will you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, if this bill is not passed, or if it is passed and money is not given to Richardson County, will Richardson County petition the Legislature to enact legislation removing its county status? What will happen, in other words?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I would assume...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...and I, of course, don't run Richardson County...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...but I would assume that they would not, they would not ask to remove...no, I don't think they would do that, I think they would struggle with this issue as best they could. And probably over the next eight to ten years they would be able to work themselves back out of this. And I know that there...what we're really saying is they're going to be denied a