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SENATOR HILLMAN: I'm not totally acquainted with the type of government that you have in Sarpy County, but what I will say is what I probably assume it is, is you probably have a budget officer, and that can offer some assistance to the county commissioner as far as perhaps providing some data and information for them. But what this does is it takes it, I think, probably a step further than that and allows much more, I'm going to say, accountability in county government whereby you can appoint those elected administrative officers.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Like who? Could you give me them.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Like a register of deeds, the clerk, the treasurer.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So they would not be elected any more as you envision under this bill (sic), or under this? If the constitutional amendment we pass this statute, is that (inaudible)?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Only upon a choice by the people in the county if they choose to adopt that particular form of government, Senator Hartnett. Everybody can do business as usual, if they want to. They don't need to make any changes. If they have a county govern...form of county government that works well for them and they're satisfied with, by all means, I'm sure they'll continue to do it. If there are more complicated situations in counties and they perhaps can see some type of efficiencies in combining offices or looking at hiring a person who has more expertise in a particular area and could have more control over the total functions of the county, then this would enable them to do that also.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So you see it that you would not have elected officials. Would you have elected county commissioners then...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...still? Would they run on a partisan ballot?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Just as they would do now. I don't envision changing that at all.