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convince the electorate that he or she is more suitable, but by changing the form of government. And that has happened in other parts of the country during other periods of history. So what I am offering here is an amendment that would except out Douglas County and allow the other 92 counties to be included in this proposal. If you have any questions, I am prepared to answer them.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the amendment. Senator Jones, did you wish to discuss the Chambers amendment? You're going to waive off for now. I'll just ask if each one of you, Senator Cudaback, I don't even see him Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to discuss the Chambers amendment? Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Schimek would move to amend Senator Chambers' amendment by changing three hundred thousand to one hundred thousand. (See FA463 on page 927 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I had told Senator Hillman I wasn't going to speak on this bill (sic) and that I was going to just sit and listen to the arguments, but at the time that I filed this amendment I...thinking of filing this amendment I didn't see any of my other Lancaster County colleagues in sight and I decided that I probably needed to stick on an amendment that would exempt Lancaster County. And I have to say that I am going to support this bill (sic) on the first round and listen to all the debate, but something about it, I'm not sure that in the long run I'm going to be able to do that. And if we're going to advance this bill (sic) and we're going to go ahead with this at the state level, then I think that it...that I want Lancaster County exempted out. And I'm just putting this up here right now. I think I will eventually withdraw it so that we can have more discussion so that I can consult my colleagues from Lancaster County, and so that I can find out whether other people would like to be exempted out too. I thought about making the number thirty thousand or fifty thousand or something like that, exempting out the bigger counties. But I'm just, I guess I'm putting out notice that, that we may want to exempt it out too. So with that, I'll just see if there's any discussion.

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