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basically run the county, and then that makes the county board either equal or lesser to that administrator. And I was curious as to whether that was your intent, that they could elect just the county administrator, not the other officials, and thus satisfy this section?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hillman, do you...will you respond?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes. And I had my light on, Senator Kristensen, I'll be glad to give you some more time, if I take up too much here, but...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's fine. You can have the rest of my time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: The intent of this is to have your county board, your county commissioners elected as they are now, on a partisan basis, and they would be elected. The county administrator would be appointed, would be hired. Now there are two...and there are two forms. There are some government...counties that have an elected administrator as well. What they have found in many instances though is there can be a real sharp division, there can be some real problems when you have a county elected executive as well as a county board, because of the nature of the election you...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...might get that administrator who doesn't perhaps have the qualifications of what they're looking for in an administrative form of government. And so what I envision is that would be. But when you talk about... And, again, I'll share my time with you. But you mentioned the mergers and so forth, and at some point in time we'll bring up on the floor what has currently happened in South Sioux City and why this prohibits, the current form of government we have, why it prohibits the types of mergers and collaboration that would help, I think, in addressing some local funding problems.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, and if I have a little... Madam President, how much time do I have?

SENATOR CROSBY: Twenty seconds.