

county board of approval, and hire them.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. Are there elected...I hate to ask you this, but I have to because there is something that prompts this particular legislation because, as I mentioned to you before, and I hope everybody understands this, your county has the right now to appoint somebody to manage. Now they don't have the right to do away with the individually elected county officials that have constitutional responsibilities like a clerk of the district court and register of deeds, county assessor, and all the rest, the county clerk, but I am concerned that if, in fact, it's just policy that you're concerned about, why the county hasn't taken advantage to this day, up to this date, of just simply appointing a manager to see how it would work, to see, if, in fact, that appointed manager could help those part-time county commissioners in Scotts Bluff County better manage their affairs. I know there's been some struggle within the courthouse about who does what, when and why, and I would hope, and I don't think your legislation has been developed because you have an intermural problem in Scotts Bluff and we're trying to solve that problem and affect how local governments work all across the state. But on the other hand, I am also concerned that we would offend a system of government that has worked pretty well...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...even with some of its pitfalls. You know there are those people here, and you folks maybe should think about this, that suggest that part of the reform in this country, not just in this state, should be that we could probably do away with states like Utah, we could do away with states like South Dakota and North Dakota, even in some cases Arizona and others because they have, Wyoming, Delaware, because they have so few people. You know, why should we have 50 governors? You know in Delaware they have just three counties. Just three counties. They have one congressman and two senators because that's the way the system works. But there are some one-worlders out there that would like to see us break down at any cost the system of electing people to responsibilities. And in the process of making it appear that we're saving money, appoint somebody...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Hillman.