

who he hired, though?

SENATOR HILLMAN: In my mind, they would not. You have...you should have personnel policies in your county right now that addresses that. Although I will tell you that there are many counties that do not have uniform personnel policies, and that also creates a big problem for counties that are very liable and at risk for some of their personnel policies.

SENATOR JANSSEN: If this was brought to a vote of the people within that county to decide whether they wanted to have an administrative form of government or not, and I know how some of the county elections operate, you could have only 30 percent of the people that would initiate this. And I know we all have a right to vote, and we sometimes aren't aware of the situation that we could be creating. I thought that I was going to get some help from my county. I'm a little different than Senator Jones because I only have one county. Senator Jones has 13 counties, and I realize that, and it's hard for him to get the information. But what happened was when I polled my county officials it was split again. So here I am still sitting on the fence, and I don't know exactly which way I should go. Some of them that say we elect now the most popular person for some of those offices, not the most qualified. And that has some great merit. I know popularity is a big thing. We all stand to get elected or rejected by a popular, sometimes some of us aren't as qualified as we should be, but if you're a popular person with... Yes, Senator Robinson, sometimes that happens. But...so, you know, and I can see where that would be a big change. And there's a group to my right, in front of me probably, fits in that category too. (Laughter) But anyway, we are...we could be opening up Pandora's Box here, which I think I've probably opened up right now. But, Senator Chambers, could you answer a question for me, please?

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, now you said that we could be setting ourselves up in the Legislature to create a king or a queen, so to speak. Do you...are you saying then that the Legislature could come back and change another structure of this, to where the county board members could be appointed also?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Absolutely.