

would give the remainder of my time to Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, you are recognized for a minute, about two minutes, plus yours is the next light on, so I'm just going to let the clock run.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Hillman, I want to digress just a little bit. And you can have a drink of water, whatever, because this isn't a question for a little bit. There's a good lesson to be learned this morning, and that is that...and I think it's the value of having a citizen Legislature and not having all attorneys, because when you go to draft the constitution, the reason it's hard to do is that you need to go word-by-word, and you need to look at what each word means, not necessarily what I want it to mean. And so if you had all lawyers drawing it, your constitution would be fairly...it would either be extremely simple and so broad, the Legislature shall meet and pass reasonable laws, period, or it would be full of intricate exceptions and to design plans and so on. So there is a great value in having people, in a citizen Legislature, draw its constitution, if they take the time and go slowly and be somewhat careful with it. And that's the reason I think I read this, that it allows...the Legislature is allowed to create this form of county government. And the form is optional, and it shall occur in any county, when there's an adoption of the majority of the people. It talks about forming, it talks about getting into it. I suppose I would always think that there was a way to get out of everything that I did, but perhaps not. And I want to be very clear or certain that if we go into this, because you're going to get two tiers of counties. You're going to have those that will cling to the old, and you'll have the administrator types. The fear I have with the administrator form of government is that it will turn in and will make the counties look a lot like cities. You and I discussed, I think a week ago, about whether this would fit into what the Revenue Committee was doing in terms of rewriting the constitution. And the Revenue Committee is more concerned, and there are plenty of members here, and they can speak for themselves, but from my point of view are interested in the flexibility of allowing mergers and consolidations, and the joint workings of allowing political subdivisions to be more efficient. We throw around the words "merger" and "consolidation" as those being the same terms. Those are not the same terms, they're entirely different