

things. And what I hope doesn't occur here is that your constitutional amendment goes on to Final Reading, the Revenue Committee comes down to General File or Select File and we have to start molding the two together, because ultimately I think that's going to...that's going to be confusing. But what happens is if I get both of these up there and voted, and people here on the floor say, well, I don't know, let's just put them both out there, I think that would be very damaging to what I'd like to see happen in the Revenue Committee and what I'd like to see happen with property tax. I see that the Revenue Committee's approach is one of structure. In other words, here are the broad guidelines of what ought to occur. Yours is a form, once that structure is set up, of if there's the flexibility to use an administrator type of form of government, you'd like to do that, and that yours perhaps is a better statutory frame of allowing people to operate than it may be a constitutional change. The case that you quoted earlier in our discussion, and here's where my question is, the case earlier, and I don't have it right in front of me, I'll want to get it, but as I read the constitution today, that I can determine what county officials there are, for what terms they serve, and what their duties are. For example, we choose, statutorily, to have a clerk, an assessor, a treasurer, county attorney, variety of other things. Could not I today go into those sections of statute and say, you don't have to elect those people; if you choose to, you can do so? But I could get down to electing only the county board, if I choose to, today, statutorily. Would that...is...and if that's an unfair question, let me know, and I'll try to rephrase it. But I guess my impression is that we could do this stuff today. I could "unelect" everybody, but for the county board, and have them be, in effect, the rulers of the county, have them elected "partisanly," or however we want to elect them, but that they could hire like a city manager or a county manager to assist them in carrying out those duties. Or is that what the case said we couldn't do? And I'll yield back some time to explain that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have about a minute and a half left.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Senator Kristensen, I guess what we were told where we got hung up is in Article IX, Section 4, the Legislature shall provide by law for the election of such county and township officers, that it says in the constitution election...