

SENATOR HARTNETT: And how do you see a county board kicking this in? Will they have to pass a resolution, is that what they'd have to do to request this from the claims? Is that the process?

SENATOR VRTISKA: They have to...yes, they have to pass a resolution declaring an emergency.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. And you're going to try to define...or is that defined, a fiscal emergency, or are you going to try to define that with Senator Chambers?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett, could you speak into the microphone, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I'm sorry, yeah. Are you going to try to define a fiscal emergency or viable?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the fiscal...the emergency is defined in the bill. All we're talking about now is making sure that we don't have a county with funds that they've decided not to use and come in and apply for these kinds of funds. And that's what I and Senator Chambers were discussing and hopefully can get that taken care of.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. I'm going to try to define as how I see this. Senator Vrtiska, would you...you may comment, if you'd like, when I'm done. But as I see this, this is a separate fund that we're setting up to help counties, cities, and villages, potentially, that have exhausted all other resources, auspiciously will be an emergency for having a need for some extra funds because of generally natural disasters, as you have defined in your amendment. The difference in this between now the present State Claims Board situation, where we do have a process for paying claims, the Claims Board, via the Business and Labor Committee, submit those to us, and we do pay those in the form of a deficit. In this process that you're