

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this doesn't add anything.

SENATOR WARNER: No, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why is it here?

SENATOR WARNER: Because so it's clear that when you have these groups that consider a merger that it's clear that bonded indebtedness, it needs to be outside of that, I believe Senator Wickersham can respond, but I suspect that was part of LB 212.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I will wait and come more into it because, Senator Wickersham, my time for this turn is just about up.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Avery have guests in the north balcony, forty fourth graders from Westmont School and their teachers. Could you stand and be recognized. On the Beutler amendment, Senators Kristensen, Vrtiska, Beutler, and Warner. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I just want to...well, you're talking with Senator Wickersham, I'll let him explain that. I was going to speak to your question, but that's fine. I want to move to another part of 1085 as our time is growing somewhat short before we're going to move to another section of the agenda. But so you're aware, one of the major portions of 1085 that's good, that when you go out to talk to people you need to keep in mind is that it's going to give the county board the oversight over the operations of the veterans' service committees, the county ag societies, the county hospitals, and the county extension services. These are items that are going to be, and it's going to make clear in this bill and you'll see, if you go through the committee amendment, to replace, for example, in Section 2, the county board "shall assess, we change that to "may" assess. What we're trying to do here is to make clear that those services that I just outlined are within the county's budget, that the county is going to have to deal with those people and that they're going to be responsible for making those budget decisions. The policy becomes that the county board, in effect, and when we get to the levy limits bill, you're going to see a special levy that's out there as