

board that arbiter of many of those property tax issues. That's a big deal. That's a big change from what we have today. But I think it's a change that people...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...have said that they feel is necessary. The counties, I think, ought to be congratulated on the number of fronts, but one of them is they've come in and said, look, we know that we're going to have to take the heat in some of these things and we're willing to take that responsibility. And of all the groups that are out there, those counties and that group of officials ought to be patted on the back for taking a tough stand, because they're going to, they're going to have some tough internal wars, but they know full well that that's what they got elected to do. And so from that point of view, this is a second point of 1085 that I wanted to hit this morning before we took our change in agenda. I would be happy to answer questions on that particular area. And I hope, Senator Chambers, you and Senator Wickersham worked out your issue with the bonded indebtedness. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Beutler, Warner, Chambers, and Hillman. By the way, I would announce that if at all possible, I don't want to cut off any debate that senators may wish to be involved with by making this statement, but typically we don't like to move from one agenda item to another while there's still a matter pending. If we can resolve one way or another the Beutler amendment before we make our shift to the motions on LB 296 and LB 1150 I would hope we could do that. With that, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I want to speak just for a moment to Senator Kristensen, if he's listening, and have, in fact, in some sense appreciated the fact that you are in a sense leaving some of the direction to the county boards who are closest to the people and I think many cases have a better understanding of how they could make the mix go. And I think that's probably a good idea. But my main reason for rising was to talk to Senator Beutler, and I don't see him around. Senator Beutler, I just had a question for you and I...this is just for my own information and I hope for somebody else's. But you talk about, on your amendment, about this study, and I guess my question is, do you think that