

following sentence in line, starting in line 4, "A special tax levy shall be assessed on the taxable property within the prior county's boundaries to retire all prior indebtedness for that area." I want people to know that not every provision in these bills is going to result in a reduction in property tax. That's not going to happen. And I'm going to keep saying it over and over because as in the days of those old wooden ships, Senator Kristensen, that had the tall masts and the billowing sails, and you were supposed to fly a flag that told whose ship it was or what country you're from. And if you flew a false flag, then you could trick merchant vessels into coming close to you, then you'd strike that and run up the jolly Roger. Well, I want the jolly Roger to be run up on all of these bills if such a thing is necessary because it's easy to keep saying we're talking about property tax relief. These bills are not in and of themselves, in my opinion, going to result in property tax relief. We will have discussions about various aspects of government, the archaic and even arcane system of counties, school districts, townships, and all other types of political subdivisions, some of which, perhaps, should not exist at all. But by discussing them and even doing away with some of the names of them, or even consolidating counties will not necessarily result in a reduction in the amount of tax that people will pay on their property. I think, in fact, some of these activities are going to result in additional expenditures of tax money because it's going to cost something to do it. What is happening right now in this Legislature is what happens if you have a covey of quails, Senator Hillman. I don't hunt, but this is what I understand happens. If you discharge a weapon or even run where they are, they take off like bats out of Hades. You frighten them and they fly off. That's what politicians are doing at state, county, local, and even the federal level at this time. Like a covey of quails who have been disturbed, they're flying off in all direction. There is a lot of noise, confusion, dust being raised, so because of all that activity it seems that something of value must be occurring. But that's not necessarily so. I think in this bill there's going to be a lot of dust raised, a lot of noise made, a lot of discussion about reduction in property taxes, and I don't think that's going to happen. And I think this particular item that I was asking about earlier is an example of that. And Senator Wickersham said that it will be addressed in one of the other bills, probably where they're talking about lids or something or other. Senator Hillman, I don't even know what all