

they may well do is say, well, there's some services here, or some county functions that we could combine, maybe it's the assessor, because that requires a little more expertise and that's a fairly complicated system, they basically have the same computer program, the same training, and we wouldn't need to double do that, we'd do a better job of that. I think you'll find that you'll do those minor offices or those projects first before you do the more drastic measure of combining counties. I just have a tough time of seeing that occur right away. Do you put the option there? Yes, because I suppose there will be counties, as they get up to their levy limit requirements in some of those more rural counties, I could see them being the first ones to do this, saying, look, we're large the way it is, and we don't mind giving up our county identify. But quite frankly, Senator Chambers, from my experience with license plate numbers there's so much so possessory ownership to that county identify that I don't think you're going to see that happen right away. I don't think that's a good reason for not giving them the option if they want to do it, but I don't think that's the main impetus of the bill. To me the main impetus of 1085 is to allow them the flexibility to consolidate some of those functions and services. And the reason that you don't want to do away necessarily with that commission or supervisor form is you don't want the county to totally collapse and let them go into one, let's just say have the county clerk run the whole county as one individual. You still have to have somebody who's ultimately there. And so since the state was pretty much built on a county basis and a foundation of that, that's the reason the county boards were left in there as the ultimate governing body. Then you would get into the issue of Senator Hillman's bill, ultimately, do they then want to take another step forward, and that's where we debate that ultimately is do you have somebody administer it for them. But that's not in this bill, but that's another option. So I think in terms of the flexibility of doing some of these mergers and consolidations,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...there are options and there are flexibilities that you can give to these people to do the work, 'cause you don't want the state coming in saying you're going to do this, this, and this. At some point in time you have to trust those local boards. I bet if we take a poll here in the