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wanted to take away from them the power of ad valorem taxes, or whether you wanted to leave it with them but give the county, under your other bill, the ability to decide whether or not they could use it, is that what you are saying?

SENATOR WARNER: I believe that's the way LB 1114 would work, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: And this, does this go further than LB 1384 somewhat, or are the provisions in here essentially what was in the bill as introduced?

SENATOR BEUTLER: They are, essentially, what's in the bill as introduced, but the amendment, Senator, looks a lot more complicated than it is because of the bill drafters' insistence upon repeating provisions for some reason or another.

SENATOR WARNER: That's fine.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's their preferred methodology, but the items that I described to you orally I believe are all the substantive items of the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: I don't know about others, but for my own position, I mean I have taken the position where there was, in fact, legislation that was a part of the 206 group, and where there was bills in a hearing coming from one of those committees, that it could be appropriate to adopt, and I would continue to take that position. I would need to ask you, Senator Beutler, out of curiosity, you have a lot more of these?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's the last one on this bill, Senator.

SENATOR WARNER: On this bill, well, that's a little encouraging. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Beutler, if I may ask you just...because I am reading this for the first time as well, I see that the green copy of the bill had several opponents. I assume that your