

property tax levy, times the valuation of that, and you take that away from the first part of the formula. By and large, what it does is it provides an equalization formula based on need and that's the total amount of the property tax that's out there, versus those that are actually expended. And so it works much like an equalization formula. It provides that the joint financing, and that's the other good portion of this, regardless if we were doing property tax, it allows for an interlocal agreements on the public safety services.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We've always had that opportunity and the availability to do those things, but the trouble is there was really never a financial reason to do it. And a good example is a community I'm aware of that they had a joint meeting, let's try to save some tax, and the argument became, well, who's going to control, is it going to be the city police or the county sheriff? And, all of a sudden, you had a battle based, and Senator Bromm I'll bet can speak to this, you have a battle of these people based on the color of your uniform and there's always that competition and, consequently, as all good things did, they had the public meeting and everybody said, well, this is too complicated, let's put it off. With the other pieces of the revenue package, this is going to become very important to pick up another 5 cents on their levy. If they do these joint law enforcement types of things not only will it be more efficient, but I think in the long run you'll encourage people to begin to say, 'ow are we going to live within these levy limits, and here's a very obvious way. For example, the city of Kearney and Buffalo...

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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...County have already entered into those agreements and are recognizing some savings. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members, I'd like to ask some questions. Where does this...the county sales tax that's levied, that's a local option. I suppose, practical...I guess,