

legislative function is not separated from the administrative. In short, the plural executive structure violates commonly accepted principles of administration, namely separation of powers, chain of command and accountability. I submit that if you plan to do anything, if you are at all serious about the reliance on personal property tax by local government, you do not have any choice except to change and help local government restructure, reinvent, re-engineer, whatever you want to call it and, by doing that, give them all the tools that they need and that they would choose to use. We put them out there. We don't say they have to use them. We don't mandate anything. We don't create any additional costs with this, we only say, we will get out of your way, if there's something you want to do differently, in my estimation, if you want to improve yourself, which I think this would be, they can do it, if they choose not to, if it's working well for them, they can continue with the system that they have.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I do not understand the reluctance of the Revenue Committee in this instance to say we can't do this. To me you have no choice. If you really are sincere about wanting the kinds of changes that you're saying on a local level, where schools, cities and counties are going to cooperate and collaborate, they will need to have a different form of government to do it in many counties.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Would like to pause one second in the debate and recognize some guests of Senator Stuhr. A senior citizen group from the 24th Legislative District, in the north balcony, representing cities of York, Seward, Milford, Stromsburg, Henderson, Shelby, and Utica. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to start by asking Senator Hillman a question, if she'll answer.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hillman, who is that unnamed