

kind of a thing that can be maybe...can maybe work, but unfortunately we don't even understand and know how a petition drive...we don't even understand how the counties would get together and who would be involved. Wouldn't it be interesting if six counties agreed to have some kind of an election. I don't think there are that many out there who would be involved. I don't think Dakota County could get together with a county that's 300 miles away and consolidate the two governments. But on the other hand wouldn't it be interesting to see how that would work. Certainly, we have to be concerned with saving property tax dollars. Certainly, we have to look at the overall administrative costs of government. If somebody tries to fool you into thinking that the whole problem with the high cost of doing anything is because we elect people, you tell them they must have their head in the sand. Look at what some elected officials have done for the very good administrative job we do...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...as compared to so called professionals who would be hired to do the same thing, and how much you would have to pay them, and then look to see whether or not they're really doing a good job. No, I would hope that given all of the arguments, I still think it's mostly a parochial problem, and there are some people that don't maybe understand how the system works that want to excuse their...the excuse they want to use for trying to reform and save money as just to suggest this as an approach, but for those of us that I think do understand how the system works, this is not, this is not the way to approach the problem and try to reform it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. Question is shall debate now cease? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Question before the body is, shall debate cease? The Hillman amendment is the motion before us. The question before us is, shall debate now cease on that amendment? Have you all voted? Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: For what purpose do you rise?