

would be early on opportunities for discussion of what those different levies...budget requests might be, and levies that might be necessary and, in that process, begin to explore the issues, if there should be issues as a result of that, and start to work through those. But more importantly, the existence of these councils are to begin to have the kind of discussions. I think Senator Beutler was talking about this the other day too, as well, where we begin to have discussions of between these variety of entities of those programs and activities that they could be cooperatively working together and begin to devise and begin to have discussions, and begin to devise different approaches which would help in restructuring and making local government more...more cost-effective. Included would be, at an appropriate point, the...your county clerks would be provided to them the information as to what the levies would be, in keeping with the provision in LB 1085 where levies are adjusted to reflect valuation. It would include discussions then of those things that could be done in the way of public services in an effective and coordinated manner. It's not mandatory that they meet, but I would anticipate that every county would want to begin to have those kind of discussions. The other provision is an amendment that was in the original committee amendment but was left out. It's one that we're all familiar with, and that is the requirement on school districts with levy limits that allowance is made for the impact area of those school districts that are affected by that, so that the provisions of the bill would not impede the ability of those federal funds to be accrued to those districts that are entitled to it. And that provision was adopted by the committee, but inadvertently was left out of the original committee amendment. But that's the purpose of the amendment is to begin this discussion at the local level of the those things. A variety of entities can begin to look at doing cooperatively, I think the type of thing that Senator Bohlke was talking about in an area where there was joint use of facilities for a variety of purposes. And this is...is hoped that this will kind of provide the vehicle for those things to occur. It's not a...it's not mandatory, but I would envision that these kinds of discussions would begin to take place in every county across the state.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schimek announces that the following guest is visiting the Legislature, Senator Schimek's mother, Ib Rebman, is here from Lincoln. She is sitting under the north balcony. Mrs. Rebman, would you