

together but it's nothing that they don't have already. And I think it really has the potential for being something positive when it comes to consolidations, but I think it also is good for the public and it will make it easier for the press to report as well, about what all the various levies are, and for people to see, how does my property tax go together, something that they really miss, at least from the side of the levy side and not the valuation side. So with that, I would support the Beutler amendment and urge also the adoption of the Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Wickersham, to speak to the Beutler amendment. Senator Wickersham. Senator Warner, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Just briefly, Madam President, to say a word of support. I think obviously the fact that the council could be formed in this way, as well as by the governing board, would ensure that if there is reluctance to do it, those governing boards that are affected and could bring it about, I think it's probably a good safety measure, and would urge the body to support the proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lynch, to speak to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Lieutenant Governor Robak and members, could I ask Senator Beutler a question when he gets back? While we're waiting for him to come back, I'll just...sing you a song? I mention this in the process of asking the question. In Douglas County, we've got 170 or 180 subdivisions of government. We've got over 100 SIDs and 6 or 7 cities or villages, 11 or 12 school districts and fire districts, hydrant districts, educational service units, et cetera. Do I understand right now, the way the system would work, is that if any three of those got together, that they would have to be independent, different kinds of units of government, like it had to be a city or a county or an SID or a hydrant district? Any three of those got together, they could...they could cause this kind of a exercise to begin?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: And what you're suggesting is that, for example, if neither the cities or the counties or the educational service