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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ..and members, this is more of a technical amendment. It deals with county ag societies. I had a meeting Sunday afternoon with about 30 counties and they decided that...well, currently, in the budget they are outside of the county budget and, according to the way the bill is, they would be part of the county budget lid, which would be the 30 cents. Since they have their own separate budget, they're outside the county levy, they're under their own lid laws, they have their own levy and everything, they want to be in the 15 cent levy limit. They're considered a...kind of a quasi-governmental subdivision. They've been in existence since I think 1860 or 1870. They want to be with the fire district, the hospital boards, the library boards, the cemetery boards, and things like that. In visiting with Jack Mills, he said he thinks this is probably a better place for them to be rather than under the county lid because currently they're not under the county lid, so this would put them on with that 15 cent levy limit. Also, in their...when they're elected currently, they're elected by just their boards. If you're a board member, you can vote on their board. And I told Jack Mills that next year I want to come back in and put a bill in that would make them elected by a countywide basis and I think that's where they have to be. Currently, they're not and there isn't time this year to get that all done 'cause they have to be elected by districts and everything. But I want to do that next year and I assured him that I would do that. But this amendment will put them where they want to be, is in that 15 cents. And we're...they are currently so it's nothing different to where they're at right now. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd rise to support Senator Schellpeper's amendment. One of the subdivisions that is...maybe is, maybe isn't, but in any event it's still within the 50 cent maximum levy as it is now. Fact that they would be included in the 15 cent doesn't give them any more flexibility than if they were in the 30 cent probably. In