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subdivisions, are eligible for an allocation by the counties. Since nobody's quite sure whether an agricultural society is a political subdivision or not, the bill makes clear that they are and puts them into the levy allocation process. If you formed an organization under the provisions of the bill as proposed, there wouldn't be any question and you don't need to change the allocation language. But we do need to make provision for existing agricultural societies. There is a committee amendment. It deals with a couple of other aspects and I'll discuss those in the context of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Would recognize Senator Wickersham, to open on the committee amendments. (Standing Committee AM0129 was printed separately and referred to on page 396 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. The committee amendments make a couple of changes. We had to clearly state in the amendment the differences between an appointed county fair board and an elected county fair board. We cleaned up some of those references. We also made some clarifying language about the levy allocation process. You'll see that we add a definition that says, for purposes of 77-3442 to 7-3444, political subdivision means a political subdivision of the state and a county agricultural society. That simplified things to some extent. The committee amendment also allows the county fair board to be...to start out at 9 members but then go to 15 by a vote of the board. There is a provision in the amendment for the election process in the agricultural societies and for the new option that would be available. It looks like a Class I election process, so that if someone comes in and is challenged, as a registered voter, they have to take an oath and then you go on to your business. It has been a difficulty under the current structure because there's a potential that you have to actually have a list of registered voters present at the meeting, and whether that's going to be provided by the county clerk or whether you have to pay, I think it's two cents a name, to have that list printed off. The changes that are made remove the need to have that list be available. We're also clarifying in the agricultural society statutes the kind of notice that you have to give prior to a meeting, stating that it has to be at least five days prior to the meeting. The previous language