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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, for all practical purposes, they can in fact merge, at least as I would characterize it in that sense?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: For all practical purposes they would be merged.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: But in a...but in a legal sense they would not be.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With that understanding then, the definition of public agency, and this definition is important, it's because these are all the different types of entities that could take advantage of this bill. And it includes the usual cast of characters--counties, cities, villages, school districts. And then it says "or agency of the state government", one, "or of the United States", federal agency, "or political subdivision of another state". Think a little bit about the broadness of these terms, and then think about it in conjunction with Section 19 of the bill, on page 15, which says, "a joint public agency shall constitute a political subdivision, and a body politic corporate and politic of this state exercising public powers separate from the participating public agencies". And here's the important part, "A joint public agency shall have all of the duties, privileges, immunities, rights," et cetera, et cetera, "of a political subdivision and a body...and a public body corporate and politic exercising powers and acting on behalf of the participating public agencies". Okay, Senator, let's work at this from point of view of an example. I take it, if the law of Kansas were such, a school district in Kansas and a school district in Nebraska might merge under these provisions.