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discussed at all in light of the category of unused for any purpose? I mean will the political subdivisions continue to have a great measure of latitude in terms of determining what kind of a tract or how large a tract is necessary for a particular office building or function or, you know, if there's possibly room for another building between two University of Nebraska buildings but it's simply now just bushes and trees and things. Is that going to be called into question, do you think?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I...Senator, I don't want to predict how vigorously I think county assessors or other officials might attempt to use the language that's in the bill, and I'm sorry that we're not able to bring to this body a bill that in particular addresses all of the...all of the questions that have been raised, and I think they are good questions. I seem to be always begging off the question by saying that depends on whether it is a public purpose because it is, ultimately, that language, "public purpose," that we've got to give content to. But I'm not sure that we can give all the content to that language in the statutes that would make everybody comfortable. In part, I think we should adopt the bill and wait and see how local officials and maybe even, ultimately, the courts give content to the language, public purpose, and whether it works out. I'm...frankly, my approach in my thinking about this was that it was better off...we're much better off now not to start with the highly particular but to try to work within a generalized framework and see what results we achieved and, Senator, I've not answered your question. I know I have not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I appreciate your approach. I am sure we have to get some general things in place and proceed from there, but I thought it might just be helpful on some of those things to get at least your intent, so that if, in fact, the courts are called upon in terms of some attempted assessment by an assessor that may be disagreed with by the political subdivision, that at least it might be helpful in some instances. But I guess I will await the event here to some extent. My last question is, with regard to tax years involved, this bill doesn't have an emergency clause so it goes into effect in September, and so to which tax year would it first apply?