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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...this bill with this amendment would be detrimental to that. In fact, I think it would be helpful to the whole thing to have those on file statewide. Other counties can get an idea of where to access that information. And if the cost is not onerous, as it has been portrayed to be, I'm going to support this amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I just got off the phone with our county planning committee chairman, and he said he could see a real benefit to this in that as people amend their county planning, or their zoning plans, that they could confer back and forth. And he also pointed out that the Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association meeting, in Kearney, last March of '99, after this bill was heard, suggested a centralized planning also, a clearing house. So I'm certainly going to support this. It looks like it could have some long-term benefits. As people amend their zoning plans, they could still pull up other counties plans, see what they did, and kind of get the feel for where other people are headed. So I will be supporting this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise just to address one question, really, that's been raised, and that is how this will affect the counties. And I sincerely believe that it is going to be much easier for the counties to send in one copy of their rules and regulations on zoning than it is going to be for counties to respond to requests that come into them. That's going to mean more work for them actually in the long run than the provisions of this bill. They will only have to send it in once, and that will be to the Secretary of State's Office. And then it's up to the Secretary of State to see that these plans are distributed as requested. So, I wanted to address that argument. I think it's an important one. I think we do need to be careful about how we burden our county officials. I think we would be helping them