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don't, all they have to do is not do the process, simply say we don't want to. That's, I think, a legitimate decision. They might have a darn good reason, that's fine. But for those who have the ability and, by the way, a number of counties have done this without authority. County attorneys walked up to the county treasurer and said, take the money, stick it in escrow and we'll make up the difference when we do it the next time. We have a handful of counties that are probably breaking the law to do this now to meet the needs of their consumers and this will allow them to do it aboveboard. That's where the bill's in. I may have some time left. Let me return it to Senator Crosby. You deserve some time as well. My light is on and I'll give some back to, Senator, since I've used it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Crosby, about a minute and a half left.

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I will just...I'll use that minute and a half just to say that in the meantime, yes, Senator Landis, you know, you and I have had some more little discussions with our county and they are backtracking or having second thoughts, as I understand. So I don't know where that leaves me. It's just a personal feeling that I had a week ago (laugh) and I still think if I pay my taxes on time other people too...should too. But that has happened to me, Senator Landis, that business of sending in a check and perhaps it wasn't mailed at the proper time, wasn't mailed at the proper time so it didn't get there soon enough and so you're charged interest so they send the check back. That's what they do. They return the check and you have to start over and tell you how much interest. So most of the time I go down to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the county courthouse and...with the check in my hot little hand and get my receipt and take it home so then I feel like I have made contact and my taxes are paid. So I will stop it there. I'm sure there's other people that want to talk and I think Dave probably does too. I don't know what this does to the amendment, but we'll see what some of you from the counties that have less population have to say. Thank you.