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prorating that amongst the participants. Now there is one special exception in AM3190 that is for police services. You'll see that we asked that that budget be cut in half before the calculation is made. It is a complex area. I would say that the issues, the way that we sought to address the issues was in as simple a fashion as we could, as flexible a fashion as we could, and with a process that was not coercive. If some vote is to be held, we did not want undue pressure to be placed on residents of a municipality to vote for the merger. They should have no fear that if they voted against the merger that they would not lose county services or that they would be charged a disproportionate amount for the delivery of county services if they stayed out of the merger. Those were the underlying principles that we sought to resolve at least in the financing package.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think the Government Committee also attempted to do that in the vote side.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek and Senator Wickersham. There are committee amendments. Senator Schimek, as chairperson, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments to LB 803.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I will be brief. But I want to just give you a quick synopsis of the committee amendment. And they say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, your picture is on your desk in the form of a chart which is basically the committee amendment as written in LB 1292 which also had a committee hearing. And you'll notice this process can be started, this merger process can be started either by a joint resolution of both the municipal county or of the county and the cities or the registered voters, 10 percent of them in an area can actually petition the county board and the city to create an interjurisdictional planning commission. Now this planning commission would really deal with a lot of the nitty-gritty of these mergers. We've tried to leave some flexibility so they could decide at the local level which offices get taken away and which remain in place and so on and so forth. But the