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municipal county would be authorized to impose a sales tax within its boundaries. That is comparable, it would be done in the same way as the current municipal sales tax option is accomplished. There are some rather specific provisions in the measure. There is one limitation. I should note one thing that is important. There is a limitation on the amount that the municipal county could ask the municipality to pay and that would be limited to 45, whatever would be raised as a...by a levy of 45 cents on the property within the municipality, so that the structure is that residents of the municipality would never pay more than 45 cents for the old county services. That's the same amount that they would pay if the merger hadn't occurred and that they still have 45 cents available then for municipal purposes. The municipal county, as I've indicated, would have a full dollar available to it for its services, but that is exactly the structure it would have had if it had not created a merger with the exception that they would have...of course, they'd have had 5 cents that they would have had to use for interlocal agreements. But once you've created a merged city and county government, the opportunities for interlocal agreements are much diminished, so we just added in the extra 5 cents from each one of them to the 90 cents that they had as a base. That's the way we arrived at the \$1 amount as a total levy for a municipal county. That is the basic structure with the other comments that I've made of the Revenue Committee's amendment to this bill. Again, I want you to be assured that we are interested in your comments or ideas about this financing arrangement. Senator Schimek's committee is, I'm sure, greatly interested in your comments with regard to the election process. I do feel we have an obligation, not this session, but in the subsequent session, to complete this process and to enact enabling legislation if we can reach agreement on that legislation. Mr. President, that would conclude my remarks. I know that there are amendments following. I will withdraw those as they come up. But, Senator Schimek, I think we should leave some time, if persons want to ask us questions or make remarks now, so...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham and Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, with your direction then floor or AM3172 and