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wanted to say, well, they're talking about something our forefathers thought about a long time ago. Put together a system of government then to do everything for everybody within those county boundaries; and then if you want all these special governments or special subdivisions and cities or whatever else it might be, you know, as long as there's no duplication, go ahead and provide that service. I think we have to be concerned that we look at it, we've got to look at it from a point of view of services, though, and duplication and not just because one unit of government is so big it might just as well take over. I am concerned that whoever is appointed to serve on these responsibilities has an open mind and has some understanding about how our government system works. If it only is comprised of people who just want to change for the sake of change, I think we could do a great disservice to the citizens of Nebraska and wind up spending a lot more money because I've got a whole pile of information back on all the mergers going back to New York City when the five boroughs of New York City merged in the turn of the century and we all know what a great experiment that turned out to be. The only one that really saved money was Jacksonville, Florida, the city and Duval County and in that case it worked pretty well. And you know why? Because all the services already were provided by Duval County. They just took over the municipal services of Jacksonville. They saved money. All the rest didn't. All the rest spent a lot more money within just a few years because in some cases they replaced elected officials who had to answer back for the responsibility of spending money. They replaced those with bureaucrats, professional people with some kind of paper probably and they always spend more money and they don't have to worry about being reelected as well. This is a tough issue. This is a serious and a tough issue. But if we couldn't consolidate the school districts in Douglas County and with six busing systems and all the rest of it, all those administrators, we're going to talk about merging the city of Omaha and Douglas County? I would like to point out and I'll sometime at a better time point out and hopefully when they have the hearing they'll let people like me come...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...and talk about it. But in any case, we have