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know, there will be very few, at least at first. And maybe the most successful ones will be in the smaller counties, I don't know. But I know Douglas County, the city of Omaha there's some talk, I know there's lots of opposition, lots of for, pro and con, and that's something you have to work out in your own counties. But all we're trying to do here is to set the mechanism in place so that if they decide, if the people decide they want to do this, they can do it. And I don't think it's going to happen over night. I presume this process will take a while. We didn't put any time limitations in, if I recall, we left it open so that that planning commission could take as long as it needed to take to do that planning. And having witnessed the efforts here in Lancaster County to merge some services over the years, I know how time consuming that has been for the people here in Lancaster County. And it may be after people look at this language they'll decide all they want to do is merge services and not do a total merger. But we're leaving that option out there for them, it will be a local control kind of decision. And with that, I would just thank the body for their attention and ask you to please think about this over the interim and have those discussions, because it will be an issue that will be back next year. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. LB 803 is passed over. Mr. Clerk, next item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill, LB 1138, on General File, introduced by the Revenue Committee, signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time, Mr. President, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments. (AM2464, Legislative Journal page 747.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open, as Chairman of the Revenue Committee, on LB 1138. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, LB 1138, as it was introduced, did a number of things. The committee amendments par (sic) those back a little bit, but I think it is worthwhile to talk about the bill in the green copy, and then as we get to the committee amendments and then I have a separate amendment filed that even modifies the committee