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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Now, with regard to the counties, are there three different funds that are being combined?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And the fiscal note describes one of them as state aid to counties.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What formula is used in that particular...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...was used, is used in that particular fund?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Members, I'd like to call your attention that one of your colleagues has returned a little earlier than what was anticipated. Senator Engel, we'd like to welcome you back and glad to see everything worked out well. Mr. Clerk, pursuant to the agenda, we'll move onto the next calendar item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 349, a bill introduced originally by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I do have an amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (AM2551, Legislative Journal page 809.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on LB 349.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor and colleagues. This bill has been here since the beginning of last session, and the issue or the problem that this bill resolves has been around for many, many, many years. Let me give you just a little bit of background so you know what we're doing here. The common boundary line between Platte and Butler Counties is about a six mile segment along the Platte River, and that includes an area where, prior to 1900 sometime, the Platte River channel moved north into the Loup River channel, around an island that