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of the problems in the county that they're obligated to do under the statutes. So it's a hard call for me but, at the same time, I understand why it's being done. The state obviously doesn't have any money either, so it's kind of a damned if you will, damned if you don't situation as far as I'm concerned. And I just had to get up and say a few words simply because of the problem that counties are experiencing at the same time the state is experiencing problems. So in any event, I felt compelled to at least express my concerns about the issue of county government, full well understanding the problem with state government. So with that, I'm going to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Jones.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jones, about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to have to stand up and talk on this too because I've got big concerns. You know, a lot of times the senators down here will have 1 county they represent or something and I've got 13 of them so I got 13 courthouses kind of wondering what's going on about...with this. But this is something I don't think...does this pertain...I need to ask Senator Raikes a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you respond from...

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...Senator Jones?

SENATOR JONES: Senator Raikes, will this apply to all counties, or is a population breaking point there that they don't apply to all counties?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I think all counties are eligible for the program, but it's...the criteria is valuation per road mile. And if the counties are above average in valuation per road mile they don't qualify, so the fact is any county, theoretically at least, could be eligible for the program, but only a certain number are. And I don't...I'll look for that, but I don't think right now I have a number for you as to actually how many counties currently take advantage of the program.