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and stop talking about local control. If the local people don't want it, why should we, as the state, say, well, instead of sticking the knife in your back six inches, we're only going to stick it in three inches?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I guess I don't interpret it that way, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, then let's take it the other way. The knife is in the back six inches, we'll pull it out three inches.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Laugh) Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...it's your time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, that's all I will ask you now. But, members of the Legislature, this amendment also should not be necessary but it shows the type of issue that we're dealing with. This amendment would simply make it clear that whatever is put in this bill ultimately is not going to take away from the counties a power of prerogative that they have right now. We have been told that nothing in the bill is designed to do that to the county. So this amendment simply states it, that if you're going to get into the business at the state level of designating counties a certain way, the counties are not going to be prevented from doing that themselves. I say, again, I don't know why in the world a county would want to do this. And as a person said to me earlier, if you were a steer or a heifer, how friendly would you consider a county to be if they wanted you in there so that they could ultimately dispose of you in the way they intend to?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1348. Open for discussion, Senator Bromm.