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meeting that they can go to and get paid from the county funds for attending that board meeting. But I think with the technology that we have at the present time, and with TERC, I don't think they're of value anymore. So I would like to thank Senator Stuhr for bringing this bill. I think it is time to eliminate those boards, and move on with the process that we're trying to do now with trying to make the value...land valuations more equal throughout the state. So with that, I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Baker, on the advancement of LB 261.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I stand in support of this bill also. I echo a lot of what's already been said. But here's a chance to reduce bureaucracy out there. I have attended some of these ag land valuation board meetings in years past, out in my area. The state is divided into eight...I believe it's eight areas, regions. So you have eight of these across the state, I believe is what the number is. And when they were formed, there was a purpose for them. And I do remember one time they talked a county into changing some valuations on some pasture land out in my area. But in 1995, TERC was formed, and that would supersede anything that these boards do. And quite honestly, it's difficult now, out in the western end of the state, anyway, to even get these boards together and get a quorum. People realize they have...really their authority has been superseded by TERC. The various county assessors talk to each other. It's not like they're operating in a vacuum in each county. And it's simply time to eliminate these boards, get them out of the statutes, and go on with their work. So I strongly support the bill. I know that NACO does also. And looking down the list of testifiers, quite a large group of supporters. And certainly urge you to go ahead and advance this bill to select file. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further discussion on the advancement, Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to ask Senator Stuhr some questions.