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from themselves?

SENATOR STUHR: That is more or less what they are asking. Yes, they are asking.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But not all of them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: And the taxpayers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuhr, your light is next, and this will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do want to point out, and I thank Senator Landis for his comments because he has heard the discussion that has taken place the last couple of years in regard to these boards. It is an extra level of government that they, themselves, the county commissioners, feel is no longer necessary. They were established before TERC. TERC now takes precedence over all of their decisions. And I do want to point out that those that came in opposition, four of the opponents were all from the same area. Now that sort of tells a little bit of the story. We received no letters in opposition...yes, no letters in opposition of the bill. The four people that came in were all from the same area. So we know that, yes, there is some support in some of the areas. But we've also found out that, through the years, the responsibilities and the duties have never been clearly cut. And we did a six-year history, just to look back in the six years. And in 2000 in the Area 1 that Senator Loudon represents, four years, there was absolutely nothing that came forth. In fact, only one time did they come forth with a request to change...to make a change. In 2004, there were no adjustments in Area 1. Area 2, no adjustments. Area 3, no adjustments. It appears that there might be one adjustment from one of the areas, possibly each year, but that doesn't even always follow through. There was one area, 7. They didn't even have their organizational meeting by February 10 as required.