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county. They did a survey among their group and it was then at that time that 67 percent of them felt that these boards were an extra level of government. They weren't efficient. They were no longer doing what they had intended to do. As I said before, they were created in 1994. TERC came along in 1995. They take precedence over all of the decisions that are made by this board. It is no longer a priority for that group. It is something that they have all decided that...or the majority of them have decided that, and again, those that did come in opposition were all from the same area. And I think I pointed that out previously that the current system just isn't working. So I would hope that you would vote against this motion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Hudkins, there are no further lights on. You may close on your motion to indefinitely postpone if you care to.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I would renew my offer that if this is indefinitely postponed at this time, that we could do a study. We could do an interim study, we could do a Performance Audit Committee study, whatever study that is necessary and is needed, to look into the issues of this bill and not just taking a majority vote of the county boards or the county assessors. We need to talk to more people than just the ones that testified at the hearing. So with that, I would return the rest of my time, and I would request your voting to indefinitely postpone this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 261. The question before the body is, shall LB 261 be indefinitely postponed? And it does require a simple majority. All those in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The motion before the body is to indefinitely postpone LB 261. Have you all voted on the motion to indefinitely postpone who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 5 ayes, 27 nays, on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.