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SENATOR CHAMBERS: But here's the question.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Pederson had clarified that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here's what I'm asking you. Do you think the county board members are aware of the fact that they can be sued under this bill if they pass such a resolution?

SENATOR BAKER: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Oh, I'm sure they would be because they would have a county attorney to advise them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: At that point, but do you think they're aware of that right now?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Oh, I...yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would make them aware of it?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Mostly, they read the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Then how many county's boards do you think are going to pass a resolution and enter this program, knowing that they can be sued?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, at the present time I've known of about seven or eight in the western end of the state, which covers quite a lot of the land when you get some of the counties out there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And they said they're going to enter this program?

SENATOR LOUDEN: There are some of them have passed some special resolutions of their own, trying to make local people do it. But when a county...a county can't introduce...can't make laws so they are, consequently, all they can do is have a resolution. But there are counties that have already tried to put resolutions into place to...