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wanted to ask Senator Beutler one last question. If the hundred...if the counties don't submit a plan in the first 120 days, then the scenario is that it's open then for the Supreme Court to provide a plan for local county clerks of the district court. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, if they don't (inaudible).

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'd ask Senator Beutler?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, Senator. If there's no...if they don't...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If they don't have a voluntary one, they will have a mandated one, so to speak. And I know this will be done cooperatively. I'm not...maybe "mandate" isn't quite the right word. But it's intended to be cooperative effort even then. If there's not a plan in place by...voluntarily, in the 120 days, Supreme Court will be sure that there is one.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, right. If they just refuse to do a plan, right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But they would have the authority to do it, as...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But that doesn't...you know, that doesn't mean that their plan has to be like the Supreme Court plan, or like the Supreme Court would like to have it. I mean, I'm assuming that plan will be followed, or there would not be merger.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And then that does lead me to a question. If there is not merger, does this really accomplish what you were ultimately trying to do, and that's one standard authority throughout the state for the responsibilities that these local courts have? I mean, what if you really wanted to stonewall this plan?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the plan is...has many...has several