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Synowiecki and others.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I am standing in opposition to LB 529. I've heard from many of my counties, and they are not in support of consolidating. And many times, as we've seen before...one of my counties, Sherman County, was...had given up their assessor's office there at the county, and it cost the state almost twice to pay for those services than it did for the county. And the state finally realized, we can't afford this. We can't afford to take any more assessor positions away from the counties. Is that going to happen to this situation? Are we going to, as a state, make government bigger at the state level and make government less at the county level? And that is the reason I'm opposed to this. But I do have some questions about...to Senator Flood, concerning his amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, would you,...

SENATOR McDONALD: Would he yield some time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Flood?

SENATOR FLOOD: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR McDONALD: Senator Flood, would you tell me exactly how your amendment works?

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Senator McDonald. My amendment essentially requires that a district court clerk be certified by the Supreme Court after the Supreme Court has had a chance to develop a course, and more specifically, to adopt rules that the district court clerks must follow; and also that a candidate for election of the district court clerk position shall also have passed and complete the training requirements as adopted and promulgated by the Supreme Court; and that if such district court clerk that is elected essentially breaks the rules of the Supreme Court, that he or she may...that the Supreme Court may, on its own motion, revoke the certificate of that district court clerk for essentially violating the rules the Supreme Court has set forth to make everything uniform and to make everything