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their own, I think we're better off and that has happened. There's fewer PSAPs now than there were when I introduced the bill and I think you're going to find fewer in the future because of the economies of scale. They're going to find out it's much more economical to join another county and...or an area. So I think it will take care of itself with a little prodding. And we can continue to prod. But as far as now, I think this is very satisfactory and I approve her amendment. And of course, I certainly approve the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Stuthman followed by Senator Kremer.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I think there's one thing that I truly respect with Senator Fischer's amendment. And I think it is the fact that we need to give credit where credit is due. And the credit is due to county official board members. These county official board members, they, I feel, will do the right thing when resources are available for them, and they truly want to do the best thing for the safety of their communities. I think we must respect that. Those people are elected officials and the constituents that they have, if there is a problem, those issues will be raised. And I truly respect those county officials that they will make the right decision. The thing that concerns me is if we, as a legislative body, you know, push something down onto them, that is when we start to have and create some problems. I think things are going to fall into place. We just probably need to do a little bit information, get that out to the communities as to how we can hopefully through information and conversation to try to enhance them to get to that point. So I truly support this amendment and I truly respect the county officials and I think they will be doing the right thing. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Kremer, on the Fischer amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I will be very brief also. And I just want to stand in support of the Fischer amendment. I do have a county, Nance