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this relentlessly, and quite frankly, a rural senator, I know may sound a little strange saying I support this bill, but I do. We need to do this. The only thing that has ever held this process up has been the funding, and Senator Beutler has worked through the process. His comments about...the handout here dealing with clerk of the district court's total salary and benefits over total revenues, I think his statement was it's a little sketchy, but it's the best we had. We've run into the same problem, and I'm not saying there's malfeasance out there or misrepresentation of what the facts are, but when we were working on LB 1222 and telephone surcharges, there was the same problem. We couldn't differentiate some of the funds and where they were going, or even where they'd come from, in some cases. But Senator Beutler has spent the time, worked through this as a consensus from everyone involved it seems like, except NACO, and my good friends behind the glass don't appreciate this, but I'm It's time to do this. It's seems to be like it's sorry. nothing more than a turf battle. They want to maintain these positions out there. But let me tell you, in my case, in rural Nebraska, District 44, how this would increase accessibility and service to the citizens. In our case, in most... I have one, I believe one elected district court clerk. The rest of them are ex officio. We have the various county courts in each county. They're part time; in some cases, I think they're only up there one day a week. Some of them have more cases filed in county But the point is, when that county court magistrate is not in that office, they generally run across the hall or down the hall and talk to the county clerk. Well, the county clerk in some cases has been paid X number of dollars and, there again, I can't get a solid figure on this, but they've been paid \$100 a month or whatever to handle these things. They take the filings, it might be a small claims court filing, something like that. But the county court magistrate is not in their office. So if we could provide some efficiencies here and combine some of these offices, we would have better service to the citizens. And I know it's irritating to me to go down and file a small claims court proceeding and no one is there. So we could provide some efficiencies and provide better service and, obviously, provide some accountability there. And I'm sorry that NACO is the only ones fighting this, but a rural senator, I'm on Senator Beutler's side on this. It needs to be done.