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to the local municipalities, based upon values. With that, I would urge the advancement of LR 3.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is, shall LR 3 be advanced? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LR 3CA.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LR 3CA is advanced. LB 179.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 179 introduced by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. It was discussed briefly on the floor yesterday morning, Mr. President. I have no amendments to the bill at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, we'll give you a couple minutes to refresh the body's memory on what LB 179 does.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, LB 179, I think, is a very straightforward bill. Basically, what it does is give the county the option to buy a blanket bond as opposed to a number of individual bonds for the various officeholders in the county. It was brought up for the main purpose of a savings for the counties, those counties that wish to do it. There's no requirement that that's the only method that they have. They can buy individual bonds if they so desire, but it does give them the option to buy a blanket bond and that's basically what the bill does.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska, thank you. Your light is on, did you wish to speak further on the bill, or...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I had one comment I wanted to clarify that I made yesterday. I think Senator Jones asked the question if all township officials are included on the blanket bond and I said that they were. In fact, they are not. I guess my confusion was in the fact that the county has to approve those bonds but they do not issue them, and the township people are required to buy their own bonds for their own protection. So I wanted to clarify that point before we got into discussion because I did misspeak in the fact that the blanket bonds would not cover those township members who are