

stretch across a county line and you stand on your side and I stand on my side and we stretch it, and that's combining a county function in a way, isn't it?

SENATOR JONES: Yeah, if you don't cut the wire it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so then maybe that...the law would allow us to collaborate in stretching a barbed wire fence. This...that's a big bill to do something like that, isn't it? Does a stream ever flow through more than one county? I won't pursue that. Members of the Legislature, the only reason I think this is not much adieu about nothing is because it's being discussed as though it's serious, it's being discussed as though it has a real likelihood of reducing property tax. It doesn't have any likelihood of reducing property taxes. And I would wager, a piddling amount, Senator Hilger, and if I wanted I'd give it to the charity of your choice, as long as it's Protestant. (Laughter.) I will wager that not one single county function is going to be consolidated, meaning...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...between or among counties which cannot or is not done right now. And I will wager any amount that somebody wants to wager that there is not going to be consolidation of counties, that's not going to happen. So this bill really is a sham, in my opinion. But on the possibility that something can happen under it, we ought to put it in the best shape that we can, and I think the language that Senator Bernard-Stevens is trying to strike should be stricken. My reason for wanting to strike it is it's of no effect, it's never going to be usable. It cannot operate. It's in the nature of a criminal sanction. You cannot establish the elements that would justify removing somebody under this bill. What is being attempted is to take a relatively innocuous act...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and defining it as willful neglect of duty.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chamber. Seeing no further lights, Senator Bernard-Stevens to close.